

London's Burning; Fire, Fire!

Bring the Great Fire of London to life with this exciting workshop



Curriculum links: History, Literacy and Science

Suitable for KS1 pupils



London's Burning; Fire, Fire! is designed to help pupils in KS1 to understand the context of the Great Fire of London, inspire ideas for writing through an exciting multisensory experience and develop valuable fire safety knowledge

Pupils will begin the day looking at drawings and first hand stories from the time of the fire. They will then make their own replica city, considering building materials, city layout and the circumstances in which the fire started and spread so quickly through the seventeenth century capital. In the afternoon, pupils will experience the sights, sounds and smells of a real fire as they watch it start from a spark in the bakery and spread through their constructed city.

Pupils will consider the impact of wind and water on the fire and the aftermath of the devastation on the city. The activity will help develop first-hand experience of fire as well as a practical and valuable understanding of fire safety. The activity will be led by Annie Berrington, a qualified and experienced forest school practitioner with considerable experience of fires, who will ensure strict safety procedures are followed, and is suitable for 1 class of KS1 pupils.

What will the School need to Provide:

- The school needs to provide teacher and staff support for appropriate adult: child ratios for outdoor learning
- A suitable outdoor space for the fire which can be used exclusively by the group for the duration of the activity
- A letter to parents to advise them their pupils will be outdoors so need to dress appropriately
- Cardboard boxes e.g. cereal boxes and small packing boxes, paper, glue, paint, paintbrushes, etc. for creation of the London buildings
- It is recommended that the school contact the local fire station prior to the project to advise them that a small controlled fire will be taking place in the school grounds as part of an outdoor learning project. This will prevent confusion if a local resident should see the fire and call the fire brigade.

Cost and Availability:

£270 for a 1 day session

- This workshop is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The fire cannot go ahead in high winds for safety reasons – although these can occur at any time of year, they are more likely December - February

Annie Berrington believes we all need to get out more. So founded Get Out More CIC; a social enterprise which aims to help people of all ages get more out of life through engaging with the environment. A qualified and experienced forest school practitioner, she also works on outdoor learning, creative and nature programmes with schools, nurseries and groups across Yorkshire, using the outdoors as a tool to develop learning, motivation, social skills and emotional wellbeing. She runs outdoor literacy and design technology days for ArtForms and works with staff to develop skills and confidence in outdoor working relating learning to EYFS and the National Curriculum.

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to book this creative project, please email jane.zanzottera@leeds.gov.uk with the following information:

- Preferred dates
- Year group
- Number of pupils

In the event of cancellation by the school, ArtForms reserves the right to collect fees at a rate of: 5 days or more before delivery is scheduled- the fee is waived, 4 days or less before delivery is scheduled - 100% of full fee.