South Gosforth First School
'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Art & Design
Take One Picture
Inspired by a painting from the National Gallery, we will explore the themes behind the artwork before creating our own response. We will then share this with the rest of school during the 'Take One Picture' whole school exhibition.

P.E: Attack, Defend, Shoot!
This half term we will be learning the different skills needed for Football and Basketball before applying these to team games. In football we will practise passing, dribbling and stopping the ball. In basketball, we will learn about bounce passing, dribbling and catching.

Maths
Addition and Subtraction – Continuing from last half term, we will build on our knowledge of addition and subtraction facts and learn how to add and subtract 2-digit numbers using different methods.
Geometry – We will identify and recognise 2D and 3D shapes. We will then investigate the shape's number of sides, vertices, faces and lines of symmetry.

English
Reading
We will be exploring a range of poetry before starting our class text for this half-term: Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.
Writing
We will look at a range of poetry around the theme of 'Fireworks' before creating our own poems. We will then write a recount of the events during the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle!

History
Great Fire of London
We will investigate the events of the Great Fire of London and learn about cause and effect. We will visit the Discovery Museum and take part in a workshop about the Great Fire of Gateshead before comparing the two events.

Year 2

Great Fires of London and Gateshead

Living things and their habitats

Science
Living things and their habitats
Continuing with our topic from last half term, we will look at how habitats provide for the basic needs of living things. We will carry out different experiments to investigate why animals are suited to particular habitats.

Computing: Coding
We will be learning about algorithms and how they give a set of instructions. We will then use Code.org to code and debug simple programs. We will finish off this unit by using the Micro: bits to code some super Christmas art!

PSHE & 'Together Time'
We will continue our relationships topic by focusing on how to stay safe, what bullying is and what it could look like, safe and unsafe secrets and how we can be respectful to ourselves and others.

Design & Technology
Chairs
In this structures unit we will be exploring different chairs and how they are made! We will then follow the design and make process to make a chair for Traction Man!

Religious Education
Stories from the Bible
We will explore what the Bible is and its importance for Christians before looking in more detail at significant biblical people and their stories.

Character
Culture
Creativity
Challenge

Enrichment, Hooks & Pupil Engagement: Anti-Bullying Week, Take One Picture, Mosque Visit, Maths Week England, DT project – Chairs, Christmas cards and calendars, KS1 Christmas Event at St Nicholas Church, Children in Need Day, Northern Stage Visit – Christmas Production
'The Big Picture' Task: In History in Year One we looked at old and new objects and learned about the past in living memory. We will build on this knowledge by extending beyond living memory to the 1600s to explore the Great Fire of London, and link to our knowledge of the bridges of Newcastle to learn all about the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead!
'Stunning Start' & 'Fantastic Finish' ('Mantle of the Expert'): Take One Picture Project to start and History Mantel: A Great Fire! To end!