



Marvellous Milton Keynes!

Year 3
Spring Term 2023 - Topic One

Milton Keynes has a lot more history than most of us realise, from 'firsts' in buildings to very early links with London. Children find it hard to imagine a Milton Keynes that is much different to the one they know now. Little do they know that Milton Keynes has a lot of history and was very different in its early days. Our children will be introduced to Milton Keynes through hunting for clues which, when solved, will give them names of places that are pertinent to Milton Keynes. Children will be exploring the development of Milton Keynes from its very early times and developing their geographical knowledge and understanding through considering local and wider links with Milton Keynes.



As **Readers** we will be looking through non-fiction books and identifying features of these to help us with our English writing skills. We will also be using atlases to identify areas of the UK and rivers, which will help us to locate Milton Keynes and understand why Milton Keynes was built where it is.

As **Writers** we will be exploring non-chronological reports, which will be linked to Milton Keynes. We will be learning about the features and organisational devices of these types of writing and producing our own pieces about Milton Keynes.

As **Historians** we will be developing our chronological understanding of local history by learning about the changes in the area we know as Milton Keynes. To understand how life has changed over the years, we will be looking at Wolverton Works and what it would have been like to live and work in this time. We will think of things we would like to know and write questions to be answered by someone who actually worked there.

As **Artists** we will be looking at the work of sculptors including Liz Leyh and Alexander Calder to create our own sculptures. This will link with our Milton Keynes topic, as we will be looking at the local sculptures such as the Concrete Cows and Chain Reaction, before developing our own ideas and mastering techniques in sculpting.

As **Design Technologists**, we will be developing our cooking skills through exploring seasonal foods. We will be tasting fruit and creating fruit tarts.

As **Geographers**, we will be using our knowledge of the United Kingdom to focus in on Milton Keynes, studying its human and physical features. We will then be comparing Milton Keynes to other towns in the UK, and discussing why it is so different to many other towns. We will develop our map reading skills by using both physical and digital maps, and our compass skills to help us understand these maps.

Confident individuals

Responsible Citizens

Successful learners

Basic Skills - Communication (Reading, writing, speaking and listening, ICT)

We will become effective communicators by using a range of techniques, forms and media to convey information and ideas creatively and appropriately.

Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities

We will seek every opportunity to develop our ability and willingness to:

Be independent Be motivated
Be imaginative Persevere
Be collaborative Be reflective
Be focused Be curious

SMSC and British Values

We will be exploring our cultural understanding of the world - how things used to be different and how our modern-day lives have been shaped by past events in history.