

Year 2 Spring Term (2)

Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term break! We hope they enjoyed their visit from Tree House theatre company where they re-enacted and dressed up as people from The Great Fire. Throughout this topic, they will meet some different historical people from the past and this will hopefully help to bring the unit to life. This is a history and literacy based unit of work where the children will ask historical questions and learn about chronology. They will write a diary entry in role as Samuel Pepys and become news reporters for the Shirley Times. To support your child in their learning, you could discuss features of different writing genres, e.g. in a newspaper report there are headings and captions and in a diary you will have important dates and times and explain how you might be feeling at different points.

In phonics the children will be learning how to use an apostrophe to show possession and revisiting the past tense rules, eg just add -ed, double the consonant and add -ed, drop y and add -ied. You should have received the new spring spelling list for this half term. Please make sure your child has the opportunity to practise these words at home ready to be tested in the week beginning 25th march. Remember you can practice these words in lots of fun ways, e.g. with water, paint, chalk, felt tip pens.

In mathematics the children will begin by learning about finding the fraction of an amount, shape or quantity. They will learn how to use the division sign to write mathematic statements. To support your child at home, you may wish to practise halving and quartering numbers.

In Dance, the children will perform a sequence telling the story of 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will be encouraged to use great facial expressions and create different shapes to portray the feelings of the people. The children look forward to sharing their creations with you during their class celebration event.



Our Home Learning project this half term is based around the bakery in Pudding Lane, in the Great Fire of London. We would like you to bake something which could be sold in a bakery. Please may you take a photograph of your creation or email the school if easier by Thursday 4th April. Please see the 'Year 2 Home learning sheet' for more information.

Thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, The Year 2 Team: Miss Prior (Phase leader), Fox class: Miss Reilly, Woodpecker class: Mrs Evans, Badger class: Miss Innes