

Year 2 Newsletter No.2

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We are Fire Fighters!



This week in **Mathematics** we have continued comparing numbers and looked at rounding numbers to the nearest ten using a number line. We have ordered sets of numbers and been recalling number facts and number bonds for 10 and 20. Your child's homework this week relates to this.

Our **English** work has linked to the story "George's Dragon at the Fire Station" by Claire Freedman. We have made puppets to retell the story and written character descriptions using adjectives. The children really enjoyed this and being "Picture Detectives" identifying features and thinking of words that could be used to describe the main characters.

For "Talk Time" homework this weekend please encourage your child to share a story book and talk about the main character. What does the character look like? How do we know? What clues are there in the story to help us and what describing words have been used?

In **Topic** work we have begun researching the Great Fire of London on the 350th Anniversary of the event. The children have been accessing the new Museum of London website and discovering lots of facts and information.

In **Music** we have begun listening to pieces of music with a fire theme. This week we have appraised the work of George Frideric Handel – Music for Royal Fireworks.



How you can help...



DT Projects: 3D Emergency Vehicles

Your child has planned their fire engine or emergency vehicle model this week. We are now collecting cardboard boxes and clear plastic yogurt pots to begin making our models next week.

Homework this week:

- **Reading** – Your child has been provided with new reading books this week. Books will be changed each week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please spend 10 minutes every day reading or sharing a book with your child.
- This week your child has spellings and activities relating to our mathematics work on number bonds and number lines.

Things to remember...

PE Kits

Your child's PE lessons are on Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit available in school next week if you have not already sent one into school. Thank you.

Water Bottles

It has been particularly warm in school this week. Your child may bring a water bottle into class to use during lessons. Please make sure that any water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name and year group.

Diary dates this week:

Welcome Meeting - Thursday 22nd September @ 6pm.



Next Week – We are Researchers!



Next week we will begin looking at maps of London from 1666 and will explore the effects of the Great Fire on the city of London. We will continue exploring the website fireoflondon.org.uk and find out about different sources we can use when finding out about the past.

In **DT** we will begin collecting materials and start constructing our 3d models of emergency vehicles.

In our **English** work we will be following on from our previous story about Zog and find out what happens next in the follow-up story “Zog and the Flying Doctors” by Julia Donaldson.

In **Mathematics** we will be recalling and using number bonds and facts to solve simple problems using addition and subtraction.

Our **Art** work will explore paintings from the time of the Great Fire of London and the use of primary colours.



Congratulations!



A big “thumbs up” to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** this week! Keep it up!

Freyja, Ethan, Isaac, Mia, Ruby, Lewis, George G and Gomezyo
Star Writer of the Week – Henry Thompson
Marvellous Mathematician of the Week – Lewis Hoyle
Christian Value of Trust – Freyja Tucker

Thank you for all your help and support,
Mrs. Ramsay