



## What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you have had a lovely Summer break with your children and are ready for an action-packed term to begin Year Two!

Our topic this term is Fire in the City. The children have shown an interest in learning about where and how the Great Fire of London started and are especially excited to learn in our bakery, otherwise known as the role-play area!

The children will also learn about where the fire started and Samuel Pepys' role throughout the fire. They will also sequence the events in order and analyse houses during this period.

In Literacy, we will be writing a letter to the King, in the role of Mr. Farriner, apologising for the outbreak of the fire, desperately pleading for forgiveness after considering the purpose, features, structure and language of formal letters. We will also be exploring some poetry before writing about a fire's behaviour.

We will be looking at number work in maths, focussing on place value and using this to identify and represent two-digit numbers before comparing and ordering them. We will also focus on addition and subtraction as well as some measure work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Miss Walker and Mrs Hall.

## Teacher Notes

- PE is on a Thursday and Friday so please ensure that children bring their complete school kit in on a Monday and leave it in school to take home on a Friday. If children wear earrings, please encourage them to take them out for P.E sessions. If this is not possible, please provide children with plasters to cover their earrings to avoid them getting caught.
- All children need a water bottle in school. They can bring an empty plastic bottle from home (with their name on) or buy one from the school office for £1.50.
- You are more than welcome to send an old t-shirt into school to protect children's clothes during art activities.

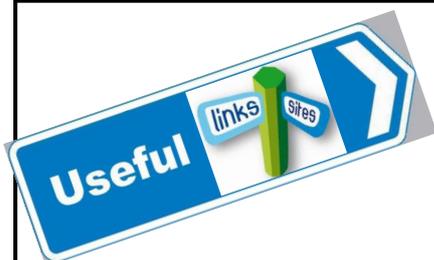
### Homework:

All children are to receive a homework project grid, where they are encouraged to choose one activity per week to complete. They can choose to complete more activities during each week if they wish. There is also a points system for this, which I'm sure your children will be happy to explain!

As always, reading is encouraged at home as well as at school. Your child will read each week with an adult, using their home-school reading book. Please ensure that your child's reading folder is in school, along with their reading and comment books - communication with yourselves is highly valued. Children will continue to receive spellings and times tables to practise on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.

## Dates to Remember

- ◆ Thursday 21st September— 'Meet the teacher' for Y2 and Y6.
- ◆ Friday 29th September— Coffee Afternoon
- ◆ Monday 2nd October—School photographs



- **Table Mountain, countdown** and **Pole Climber** are fun games to practise rapid recall of times tables and number facts.
- **Kids Spell** is an excellent site for spelling games. You can input your own spelling list so that children are practising spellings specific to set spelling rules or common exception words!
- [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37253904](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37253904) has some great videos about the Great Fire of London.