

What's New In Year 2



Week Beginning- Monday 22nd

November.

All the details from this week

It's been another very busy week in Year 2! The children have continued discovering new facts about the Great Fire of London, looking at entries from Samuel Pepys' diary as evidence of the events, and also looking carefully at portraits of the man to determine the sort of person he might have been. Watching an actor playing Samuel Pepys in a Magic Grandad episode led to lots of discussion about whether this was really what he was like! You can watch the clip here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VarSSAwimU> In our Literacy lessons the children have been introduced to adverbs (ending in 'ly') and how they can add further description to a verb, helping to describe what a person is doing, or what is happening (e.g. 'the fire spread quickly' or 'the people watched nervously'). Using adverbs, along with noun phrases, can certainly make our writing even more interesting and exciting! In PE this week we have been developing striking skills using tennis racquets. This week it was all about striking the ball so that it bounced up and down on the racquet, keeping the ball under control – a tricky skill but one that the children really enjoyed trying. What makes a great Christmas Tree decoration? That was the question the children were asked at the beginning of their Design and Technology lesson. They were then tasked with looking at a range of decorations and grading them using different criteria. This was followed by the children designing their own decoration. Next week they will begin the exciting 'making process'.



Phonics Screener

Many children are now whole word reading as they become more confident readers. This however is resulting in children mis-reading some words and therefore not understanding the text they are reading. If your child does this at home, please encourage them to sound out the word using their phonics. This is also the way they should tackle the phonic screener particularly as the words are stand alone and not in any context. When practising the real and nonsense words attached, please use this method. Thanks for your support.

Great Fire of London Interactive Game

There is an interesting online game about the Great Fire of London that will certainly help to embed all the learning the children have done over the past few weeks about this historical event. You can find the interactive game here <https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair has certainly been very popular! If you didn't get a chance to visit you can still purchase a book (or two!) directly with the company – details were on the Book Fair flyer sent home last week.

Notes and homework for Class teachers

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