

Year 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and hearing their news about the Easter break. The weather has been glorious and we have enjoyed being able to open all the windows and doors without feeling chilly! Reading continues to be a key focus and as always your support at home is vital. Please try to read with your child every day and don't forget to sign their diaries so that we know they are ready to change their book on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Thank you :)

English

Our focus for the first few weeks is diary writing and our new core text is *The Great Fire of London* by Adams and James Weston Lewis. It is a beautifully illustrated non-fiction book covering all aspects of the history including the part played by Samuel Pepys and King Charles II. This week we have explored London is like today and compared it to the city in 1666.

Maths

We have consolidated the lessons on addition and moved on to subtraction this week. We have practised subtracting a 2 digit number from a 2-digit number using dienes (10s and 1s) and solving word problems.

Foundation Subjects

The theme of the Great Fire of London will run throughout many of our lessons this half term. In history we will explore the impact that the conditions in London at the time had on how the fire started and why it burned for so long. In science we will be focusing on Everyday Materials. The children will be using their skills and knowledge to investigate different materials and compare how they are used to construct buildings now and in 1666.

Notices & Reminders

As it's the beginning of term here are a few polite reminders. Children should not wear jewelry or nail varnish to school, hair should be tied back with subtle accessories and if ears are pierced, earrings should not be worn during the school day. On Tuesday children should come to school in their Fern Hill PE kit (no branded sportswear).

Values Award

Bracken - Freja & Hakeem; **Clover** - Aliyah & Rick ; **Heather** - Emily & Ezoza

Diamond Work Award

Bracken - Arjun & Riley **Clover** - Ryan & Zoya; **Heather** - Gaya & Zizou
