



Year 2 Newsletter November 2018

Last half-term, Year 2 learned about the significance of London as a capital city and became familiar with some London landmarks, producing some fabulous art work which you can see on display in the hall and classrooms.

This half-term we are going back in time to 1666, the year of the Great Fire of London.

We will be heading on a trip to **Strangers Hall on Wednesday 14th November** to discover what everyday was like at the time of the Great Fire. Please ensure your child has returned their trip letter.



English

Our English work will be linked to our History topic. We will be reading non-fiction books to develop our understanding of the Great Fire of London and also reading stories based on these events. In writing, we will learn how to write information texts and how to write diary entries in role as a character from the time of the Great Fire. We will learn about Samuel Pepys and his diary writing and about Sir Joseph Paine, the mayor of Norwich who lived in Strangers Hall in 1666.

Let's Get Reading!

Thank-you to parents and carers for supporting us with the new book bags and reading records. Children are becoming good at remembering their book bag each day and it is encouraging to see children making extra progress by reading regularly at home and school. We will be visiting the Millenium Library during our trip on the 14th November. Please see your child's teacher if you would like a registration form so your child can have their own library card.



Maths

This term we are starting by focusing on fractions. We will be finding fractions of objects and shapes before moving on to find fractions of amounts. Children are encouraged to develop FLUENCY in their manipulation of number, SOLVE PROBLEMS relating to different areas of Maths and use REASONING skills to extend their thinking. Later this term we will move on to explore 2D and 3D shapes and we will finish the term by working on multiplication and division.

Example of a Year 2 fraction problem:-

What fraction of the animals are sheep? What fraction of the animals are pigs?



How many more pigs would the farmer need, to make $\frac{1}{2}$ the animals on the farm pigs?

Outdoor Learning

Beech Class will be having a CAMPFIRE session on Friday 2nd November.
Sycamore Class will have their CAMPFIRE session on Friday 9th November.

All children will need a waterproof coat and wellies in school each Friday ready for Outdoor Learning.



Beech Class



Miss Naylor – class teacher

Miss Mata – teaching assistant

Mrs Peart – teaching assistant

Mrs Cullum – HLTA

P.E. on Monday and Friday

No swimming this half-term

Sycamore Class



Miss Kinna – class teacher

Mrs Knights – HLTA

**Mrs Pritchard – teaching
assistant**

P.E. on Tuesday and Friday

No swimming this half-term

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Learning Café at 1.30pm on Friday 30th November.

Come and find out about what we have learned about the Great Fire of London and share some art and craft time with your child.

