**Homework**

Thank you so much for all of your fantastic Great Fire of London projects which we set as homework over half term. We have been so impressed with everybody’s research and the amount of time and effort that you have all put into the projects.

For the next few weeks we will continue to send out sample test papers. Some weeks we may also send additional maths work to consolidate learning in particular areas. As always, please feel free to make any additional comments or notes to your child’s homework.

Please also continue to use Spelling Shed and Time Table Rockstars.

**English**

Along with creating non fiction reports our History topics provide a wide variety of other engaging writing opportunities. The children will be writing eye witness reports as Samuel Pepys, newspaper articles from 1666 and in role as a characters as they explore feelings of empathy in their writing. During the first half term of the Summer Term we will use books such as Vlad and The Great Fire and Fire Cat as a basis for our writing before using The Queen’s Knickers to link with our topic about Queen Elizabeth.

**Topic**

Our Topic this term is History based and begins with us finding out about The Great Fire of London. It is a topic which the children always find very interesting and enjoy learning about. The children carry out lots of research using a variety of sources and present their work in different ways such as by using technology or through role play. During the second half of the Summer Term we will look at Queen Elizabeth II and her reign on the throne. We also look at what life was like in 1953 when Queen Elizabeth took to the throne.

**Reminders**

P.E days are Wednesday and Friday; earrings must be removed on these days, children will not be able to do P.E when wearing earrings even if they are taped up.

Homework will be given out on Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Spellings will be given out every Friday.

**Maths**

We will be recapping all previous learning on the 4 operations and working on our reasoning abilities throughout all areas of maths. Aspects of Maths that you can support with at home are using units of measure (g, kg, cm, m, ml, l), telling the time to every quarter of an hour and to every 5 minutes and using coins by finding totals and calculating and giving change.

**Reading Club**

There is an expectation that your child is heard read at home 4 times each week and it is recorded in their planner. In Key Stage 2, planners are checked each Friday and if a child hasn’t read 4 times they are then invited to join Reading Club on Friday lunchtime. Any child who has read for the required amount of times is also able to join the Club too if they wish to do any additional reading for pleasure. As of week beginning Monday 3rd June, Year 2 children will join is with this scheme as part of their transition into Key Stage 2 therefore the first day their planners will be checked will be Friday 7th June.

**SATs Tests**

As you are aware, your child is required to sit their end of Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments this term. The tests will take place during May therefore we request that there are no holidays or unnecessary absences within this month. The presentation used at the SATs information evening earlier this year is available on the Year 2 webpage if you wish to remind yourself of its content.

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