

# Helping at Home

Below are some suggestions of activities you could carry out with your child:

## Practise:

Explore the weekly phonics task (Year 1) or practise weekly spellings (Year 2) provided on Seesaw or in your child's planner.

Year 1 Complete the weekly maths task on Seesaw.

Year 2 Complete the weekly maths task on Seesaw. Practise your multiplication and division tables on Times Table Rock Star.

Please share opportunities for reading together. Please record this in your child's planner. Remember to read green and red words at the beginning of their phonic reader books and to answer the questions together that are found at the back of the book.

## Play

Year 1 Explore the properties of 2D shapes and recognise a quarter as one of four equal parts of a shape. For example, can you cut a pizza into 4 equal pieces?

Year 2 Please explore the mass or weight of different items. For example, look for measure on the side of tins, boxes. Can they make comparisons between items to say which weighs more or less? Can they use the kitchen scales to help you to weigh out ingredients when cooking?

## Talk and explore:

Can you find out about the Great Fire of London from the internet or the local library?

Can the children identify the features of a TV script when watching Newsround, for example? Discuss how these are similar to the features of newspaper reports.

To help our learning in science, watch for signs of new growth when out and about. Can they describe how plants start their life? How does this relate to human life?

## Read:

Enjoy sharing your library books together. Year 2 - can you start introducing your children to short chapter books? Can they review their book in conversation with you? Please read the allocated books on Seesaw or those handed out each week.

Don't forget to read lots of books by a variety of authors.

# Year 1/2 Spring 2: Fire Fire

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. The children are continuing to work really hard and we are thoroughly excited about what we have coming up this half term. The theme is Fire Fire and further information can be found on this page. We launched the theme with a visitor from the past (Samuel Pepys). The children really enjoyed this and are really motivated to find out about the Great Fire of London!

Kindest Regards,

The Year 1/2 team

Mrs Westlake, Mrs Bundy, Miss Allen, Mrs Kelsey and Mrs Mahon

## Theme

In History, the children will study the Great Fire of London and will enquire as to why the fire of London caused so much damage and what happened as a result. Using their technological skills the children will program the Beebot to follow complex sequence instructions, debugging as necessary to plan a route to escape from the great fire! In music, the children will explore singing 'London's Burning' in a round, compose music using percussion instruments to represent the different stages of the fire. In art, the children will explore weaving techniques from around the world and the development of this technique into an art form. They will create individual woven pieces to make a collaborative display of art to represent the Great Fire of London. In RE, the children will be exploring why Easter matters to Christians and in PSHE the children will study a block of lessons around rights and respect. Science work will involve making observations of the growth of the bulbs that the children planted in the Autumn term. They will also set up an experiment to consider the conditions necessary for healthy growth of cress and beansprouts.



## Key notices:

- World Book Day is on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. Children can come into school dressed as their favourite character.

