

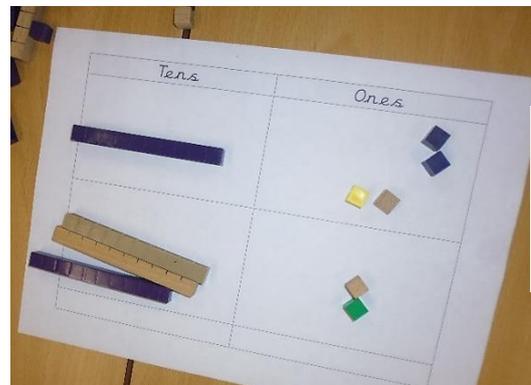
# Year 2 Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have focused a lot on our Great Fire of London topic this week. We began by finding out how we know about The Great Fire of London by looking at various examples of artefacts and discussing which sources of information are the most reliable. After reading some extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary about the fire, we planned and wrote our own diaries, imagining we were Samuel Pepys. Next we planned a newspaper report about the Great Fire of London, making sure we included all the facts we have learnt. We will be writing up our newspaper reports in neat next week.

In maths, we practised doubling and halving numbers. We added to of the same numbers together to double the number and to halve a number, we shared counters equally into two groups. We also began learning how to use the column method for addition by using place value charts to help us understand the value of each number. We also looked at other methods we could use to solve addition calculations, such as drawing a number line or drawing tens and ones to help us.



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We carried out an investigation in science this week to see if the tallest children have the biggest feet. We worked in small groups and carefully measured the heights and foot lengths of each child and transferred our results to a scatter graph to see if we could find a pattern in our results.

**Forest School – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** As we will have forest school next Friday, I will not set any new spellings this week (as we won't have time for the spellings or times table's tests on Friday). I know the children will be so disappointed, but they can still continue to practice their times tables, reading and handwriting sheets as usual! Our next spelling and times tables tests will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Great Fire of London Day – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Children will come to school dressed in their own clothes (that you won't mind getting a bit mucky). To prepare for our topic day, please could your children bring cereal box with their name on by next Friday (12<sup>th</sup> October)? Thank you for your help.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mockler