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Key Dates:	
4 th March-Fire service visit Year 2	8 th March-HSPTA Quiz
4 th March-Year 1 visit to Sea City museum	15 th March-KS1 hockey tournament
7 th March-World Book Day dress up	22 nd March-HSPTA Easter egg hunt

Communications this week:	
PE Days / Wearing of earrings in school	
Y2 Curriculum News	

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back, the children have settled well and are fully immersed into their new topics and learning journeys. It was wonderful taking part in the Year 2 Great Fire of London drama workshop yesterday, the children were so engaged and learnt lots to support their work back in class.

CAMHS PACE

Please see the attached leaflet about Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) running P.A.C.E. events across the county. These are free events to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person. Topics include; introduction to managing ADHD, introduction to autism, looking after yourself to support your child, supporting your autistic child to thrive and many more.

Scooter Shelter

We are really pleased our new scooter shelter, funded by the HSPTA, has now arrived. Mr Savoy is amidst putting it all together and we are hopeful the children can start using it towards the end of next week. This then provides lots more scooter and bike storage to continue in promoting active and sustainable travel to school.

Engineering Day

Saturday 16th March is the University of Southampton's Science and Engineering Day. Running in parallel with British Science Week, Science and Engineering Day is a completely free fun-filled event, celebrating all things science and engineering! Giving young people a chance to see science up close. Explore over 140 activities, including workshops, shows and laboratory tours of the state-of-the-art facilities at the Highfield and Boldrewood Campuses at the University. No prior knowledge required. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: www.sotsef.co.uk/SED. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Phones on Site

Please can I remind all parents that we are a phone-free site and politely ask you to not use your mobile phones whilst on site. This is important as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

Year R

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week after their half term break. In phonics, we have been recapping some of the sounds that the children have previously learnt and applying this knowledge when reading words. The children have been applying their phonic knowledge into their writing this week. We have been focussing on sentences and sentence structure – saying the sentences out loud, counting the words and writing each word to create a simple sentence. In maths, the children have been learning about 'pairs,' what a pair is and how this links to odd and even numbers. In PE this week, the children have been learning about

emotions linked to music and how we can move our bodies accordingly. Our focus text in Drawing Club this week has been 'Tiddler,' the new words the children have learnt are 'traipsing, ensnare, tardy, reunited, conversing.'

Year 1

This week the children enjoyed their first 'All stars' cricket coaching with Ben. He gave an engaging assembly about what cricket is, the cricket skills he is going to be teaching the children over the next half term and how working as a team is very important in this sport. The children then enjoyed the active session learning about working as a team to score points through short games in pairs and larger groups. It was wonderful to see how the children responded, listened well and then followed the instructions. We look forward to his sessions each Thursday and next week he will be focusing on improving catching skills. In English the children have continued to practise re-reading their sentences, checking that no small words are left out and to edit their work. We have worked in small guided groups to help them know what their targets are and how they can improve their writing. In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about 'mechanisms' and finding 'levers' and 'sliding' mechanisms in everyday objects such as scissors, seesaws, tongs, door handles and sliders within moveable flap books. The children evaluated these objects and moveable books and expressed what they liked and or disliked about them. Please look for levers and sliders in the books and objects you might have at home. If you want to bring some of these in, we would love to share them with the class. In R.E we have started the big idea 'Welcoming' and the children enjoyed acting out a few role play situations when they could welcome a person to a new group.



Year 2

What an exciting week Year 2 have had! They have returned showing such enthusiasm and excitement for our new topic 'London's Burning'. It was wonderful to see the children in their costumes as we travelled back to 1666 on Thursday. It was wonderful to observe the children using their knowledge of how historians find out about the past to ask questions and learn about life in the past. The children enjoyed playing various roles within the production and we were blown away with their engagement. Already, the children know so much about this significant event from the past and this will greatly support their application of learning. In maths, the children have been learning to solve multiplication problems by using repeated addition. In writing, the children have been learning about contractions and how these are used in informal speech and writing.

Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop in Action!



Keepers Kitchen Celebrations



Well done to all our children who celebrated with me before half term for always remembering our school rules.

Kind regards

Phillippa Longman

