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Key Dates:	
4 <sup>th</sup> March - Fire service visit – Year 2	15 <sup>th</sup> March - KS1 hockey tournament
4 <sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 visit to Sea City museum	15 <sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day dress up	18 <sup>th</sup> March - Bling Your Ride competition
8 <sup>th</sup> March - HSPTA Quiz	22 <sup>nd</sup> March - HSPTA Easter Egg hunt

Communications this week:	
Parkview Playgroup Job vacancy	
Bling Your Ride Competition	
Red Nose Day	

Dear Parents & Carers,

The KS1 children have enjoyed cricket and hockey lessons this week from outside coaches. We also welcomed Jack from Perform into school and every class experienced a short drama workshop which was excellent!

We are sadly saying goodbye to Joanne Law our Senior Admin Officer from our office team, we wish her all the best in her new role and will be welcoming Abi Fernando onto our Admin team at the end of March.

### World Book Day

We are really looking forward to World Book Day next week on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please come dressed in your favourite story character for the day and bring the book to share with your class too! Please ensure your child has suitable footwear to still engage in PE sessions. We are looking forward to children from the juniors coming over and sharing books with us on the day too.

### Parent Workshop with Educational Psychologist

We are really pleased to have Jerry Brown our school linked educational psychologist join us for a parent workshop on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. He will be delivering training on executive function skills and it would be great to see many parents join us. Further invite and information to follow.

### Walk and Wheel

We are really pleased to be getting involved in the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge from 11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March. I will be talking to the children about this in my assembly on Monday next week. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a 'Bling Your Ride' competition. This is an opportunity to decorate your bike, scooter, wheelchair or bag (if you are walking) at home and then ride it, wheel it or walk it to school. John will be coming in to judge the competition on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. The theme this year is 'Clean Air and Climate Change' Please see the separate letter sent yesterday with further details.

### Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor every day from 12-1pm. Please contact the school office if you may be interested in this role or want to find out more.

### Learning Highlights from Each Year Group

#### Year R

This week, our focus text in Drawing Club has been 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea,' which was enjoyed by all! The words we have learnt this week are 'suddenly, feast, crouch, slurping, farewell.' The children all had an excellent go at drawing the Tiger from the story and the café! Our text this week led onto the children learning about healthy food choices and advising the Tiger about what foods he should eat at his tea party that are healthy. In phonics this week, we have continued to learn to use the 'chunking' strategy to read long words. In maths, the children have been practising their learning about doubles and we have begun to learn about the numbers 9 and 10.

## Year 1

This week the children enjoyed their drama workshop with Jack from the company 'Perform'. They loved being in role and immersed themselves in the story linked to the 'Wild West'. We were most impressed with how they worked imaginatively and together in small teams. In English the children have continued to practise re-reading their sentences, checking that no small words are left out and that the capital letters were at the start of new sentences. The children are very excited about their school trip to Seacity Museum in Southampton. They learnt about what a question was, that it starts with question words such as 'what, when, where, who, which, why or how. The children learn that questions are different to statements and that a question ends with a question mark. They wrote questions that they want to ask the experts at The Seacity Museum about The Titanic. Perhaps the children would like to think of more questions about The Titanic at home and write these down.



## Year 2

It has been lovely to see the children so engaged in our new topic 'London's Burning'. They enjoyed being historians on Monday and used knowledge organisers and other sources of evidence to answer questions and find out more about the significant event from the past. Please do encourage your children to research The Great Fire of London at home using the Internet or books from the Library as this will greatly support their knowledge for their writing. In English, the children have learnt about contractions and have been practising using these within their writing. They have edited given sentences to include contractions and had a go at developing their own. In maths, we have continued our multiplication learning journey and have been focusing on using arrays to show commutativity and support understanding. Please practise counting in twos, fives and tens at home with your child and begin to form links with the times tables as this will greatly support their fluency. In science, the children have explored a variety of materials and begun to explore their uses based on their properties. They have identified how some objects can be made from different materials depending on their purpose (e.g. indoor or outdoor furniture). Well done Year 2!

## Keepers Kitchen Celebrations



Apologies, the wrong Keepers Kitchen photo was added last week so here is the correct one! Well done everyone!

Have a fantastic weekend

Phillippa Longman

