

This half term Year 2 have blown us all away with how well they have settled into their new routines. All of the children have worked extremely hard in all of their lessons ensuring that they try their very best. They have worked together as a team supporting and encouraging each other in all areas of school life and they have had such a positive attitude to everything that they have done.

## English

During our English lessons in this half term we have focused on the text 'Dragon's Fire'. While reading this text we wrote dragon poems using adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes. We were able to think of some brilliant words and phrases to describe the dragon but we also made sure that it was the right vocabulary too.

Once we had written our poems we concentrated on the characters and settings in the story. We investigated what we knew about the characters and settings, what they looked like and we even described a character and setting using what we had learnt. During this time we consolidated our knowledge of full stops, capital letters and sentence construction. We even had the opportunity to write the story in our own words during independent writing.

Recently, we explored information texts by focusing on the features in this text and we read lots of different information books. We used some of the features in our own writing to help us understand how to use them, we especially liked writing question headings.

Since we loved learning about the Great Fire of London we decided to write our own information text about the fire. Mrs MacGregor, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Brooks could not believe how brilliant our Great Fire of London information texts were.

## Maths

At the beginning of this half term we focused on what we knew about numbers from 1-100 by completing lots of investigations showing how much we understand numbers. This helped us to deepen our understanding. In addition, we moved onto focusing on the 3 times table and counting up in steps of 3 from a given number. We quickly found a pattern when counting up in steps of 3 using our knowledge of odd and even numbers but we made sure that we tried lots of different examples before making a conclusion.

Next we have moved onto fractions. So far we have learnt some new words such as fraction, whole, half and quarter and we have looked at halving and quartering shapes. All of us have enjoyed learning about fractions so far as we also talked about different 2D shape names while halving and quartering.

## History

We have absolutely loved learning about the Great Fire of London this half term. During this topic we learnt lots of facts about the fire which included when the fire started, how the fire started, who helped to put the fire out and how the fire ended. We were very good at remembering the facts that we have learnt during our history lessons. All of us enjoyed comparing how fire was put out in the

past to how we fight fire today. It shocked us to find out that in 1666 they did not have a fire service like we do now so they had to run all the way to the River Thames to get some water. We realised just how lucky we are to have fire fighters today.

Over the course of this topic we became very interested in the plague so we made up our own investigation! Using lots of different resources we investigated the similarities and differences between the plague and covid. It was very interesting to see how people tackled a virus in the past.