



Year 2 Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 14th March

STEM Week

This year's theme has focused on the environment and sustainability. The week got off to a great start with an assembly led by Sarah from OASES. She is helping us become a Climate Friendly School and spoke to us about climate change and the seemingly small actions we can take to make a positive impact. Ask us about our school composting and plastic recycling!

Yesterday, we were visited by Dr. Merryll Batchelder from the Ministry of Eco Education. We had a fantastic day getting our hands dirty while exploring our year group's big question: "How important is soil?" Did you know that there are more microorganisms in one teaspoon of soil than there are humans in the world.



On Wednesday afternoon, we put our recycling skills to the test by turning newspapers into plant pots. Want to try some money-saving, environmentally friendly origami? We can show you how!



We finished off our week with a worm survey. We became birds on the raised bed by carefully drumming our fingers to imitate rain. We then counted how many worms surfaced. What an exhausting job! It's certainly not easy being a bird.



The Great Fire of London

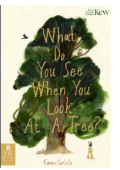
This half term, our English and history units come together as we delve deeper into the events of the Great Fires of London and Gateshead.

In history, we have created timelines and explored Stuart life, discovering the types of jobs we might have had in 17th-century London. From apothecaries to rat catchers, we've looked into them all—ask us what a gong farmer did!

In English, we have begun learning our new text, an eyewitness account of the fire. Following our trip on Thursday, 20th March, we will use this text to help us create our own accounts of the Great Fire of Gateshead.

World Book Day

What a fantastic day we had! The weather was certainly kind to us, and we enjoyed a wonderful day of activities inspired by the book *What Do You See When You Look at a Tree?* by Emma Carlisle. We went outside to explore the trees in our school grounds. Sitting quietly, we listened to the sounds of nature, felt the texture of the trees' bark, and reflected on the importance of trees to all living creatures, big and small. We then turned our ideas into Haiku poems, carefully ensuring the correct number of syllables in each line. In the afternoon, we had great fun completing a storybook character trail.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 20th March: Year 2 visit to the Discovery Museum

Tuesday 25th March: Mother's Day gift shop

Wednesday 26th March: Mother's Day gift shop

Wednesday 9th April: 9:15 Year 2 Easter Assembly (Maximum of 2 adults per family)

Thursday 10th April: Southridge Sponsored Fun Run

Friday 11th April: Last day of Spring term

Monday 28th April: First day of Summer term

Proud to make a positive impact.