

Year 1

Megabrainasaurus Bunch



Spring 2 Week 1
Riccall School

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Goodness Gracious... Great Balls of Fire!

Halfway through the year; where has that gone?

Just a few reminders as usual in these letters:

Reading: Remember they are expected to read 3x a week. Mrs Turner and Mrs Wilson listen to the children read and have written comments in, too. Children can write their own comments - try reading the phonics homework words and write the ones they struggled with in their diaries for us to support with.

Math:

In maths this week, we have taken another look at counting in 2, 5 and 10s and understanding numbers up to 50 represented in different ways.

Writing: We have looked at the structure of letters and have read letters from our new penpals in the Falkland Islands. The children have been very excited about writing their replies. We will post these and are waiting for the first letters from Georgia to arrive too...

Topic: This week, we have finished our material world topic with a great scientific investigation. We have designed and built vessels to carry the Billy Goats Gruff across the river (swimming pool!). We launched them and waited to see which were still floating. Ask your child what upthrust is and if they can remember the story of Archimedes.

We started our new topic on the Great Fire of London with a brainstorm of what we know.

Upcoming Events - Hamster sitting rota

- **Lord Waffle Cheeky Chops!** had the most amazing half term with Miss Galuska and her family. He is back with Daisy. this weekend!
- **OUTDOOR EDUCATION** - Outdoor education will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons. Please remember wellies! We will be building Tudor style houses.

Tyrannosaurus Next...

Next week: Next week, we will celebrate World Book Day - remember to get the potatoes decorated in the form of a character from a book! It would be good if they had the book to bring in with it as we can then share them. We will be looking at one book from our 100 reads before you leave Riccall. Maths will see us starting a new unit on weights and measures. Our topic will see us looking at the houses in London in 1666 and how they differ from the houses today. We have sent home the knowledge organiser and so you can see how the topic will develop. We are having a launch visit from the fire brigade - they will bring the engine and talk to us about the fire triangle and fire safety. Our land event will be a return visit on the last Thursday of the half term - it is the open afternoon after the harvest lunch you are invited to. It will be very exciting as we will use our Tudor houses that we built in outdoor education to remake Pudding Lane. We will then have our own Great Fire of Riccall! The fire brigade will use their skills to put it out (hopefully!).

Homework:

3x a week reading, written in their yellow reading diary (this is checked by the teacher and Mr Styles).

What can the children find out about the great fire of London? Get them to make a model of a tudor house, or a row of tudor houses in a cereal box to make their own Pudding lane. How about making a fire inspired collage with flame coloured fabrics, paper, sweet wrappers?

Phonics homework this week is the long I sound - IT IS ESSENTIAL that your children practise.

Reminders

PE - Kit needs to be in school for a TUESDAY.

Outdoor Education - is on a THURSDAY afternoon, so all-weather clothing ESSENTIAL!

Please ensure all clothes and jumpers are labelled with children's names. We are building up a collection and know that these items cost money! Please look for a coat belonging to Reuben M - it is a green coat - it isn't in our cloakroom, so can you take a look at home please?