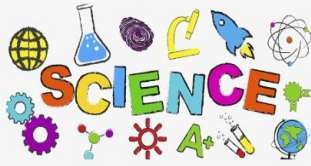


# JANUARY

# in Year 2



In Science, we have been learning about the uses of materials. This month, we have sorted different materials into groups, identified materials and their properties around school and explored how some materials can change shape!

In History, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London! To start the topic, we made some delicious bread, as the fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. We have also learnt when and why the fire happened, in addition to putting the timeline of events together. To build our learning of what actually happened in the past, we looked closely into different artefacts that were used during the fire. This topic has also supported our learning in English, Art, DT and Guided Reading.

## This Month's Super Learners

### Girton Class:

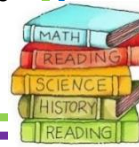
Athina, Laiton, Clara, Mila, Natalia and Amaya.

### Emmanuel Class:

Kyle, Ashe, Kleo, Sofia, Lara and Oliver.

### Readers of the Month:

Girton: Taline  
Emmanuel: Amaria



This month, we read the diary of Samuel Pepys, who was a key character during the Great Fire of London. We have closely looked at the features of diaries and practiced extending and improving our sentences by using adjectives and conjunctions. We really enjoyed role playing different events from the Great Fire of London and pretending to be different characters during it. By doing so, this helped us to innovate Samuel Pepys' diary to make a class version, as well as our own individual diaries too!

*In Phonics, we have focused on:*

- /r/ sound spelt 'wr'
- /n/ sound spelt 'kn'
- /m/ sound spelt 'mb'
- /s/ sound spelt 'sc'
- /g/ sound spelt 'gu'
- /b/ sound spelt 'bu'

## The Great Fire of London DT work - bread making!



In Maths, our focus has been money. We have learnt to recognise different coins and notes to support our learning of counting money in pence and pounds. While pretending to be shop keepers, we have also selected coins to create specific amounts and made that amount in many different ways. We also learnt how to find change, using bead strings and other resources to help us as well as solving different money word problems.

More recently, we have started a new topic on multiplication and division, where we have focused on recognising, making and adding equal groups.

Our times tables focus this half term is the 6x tables and we have developed our understanding of multiplication and division facts related to the 6x tables.