



## Meerkats, Rhinos and Elephants Learning Sharing: 1.3.24



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are thoroughly enjoying our new Topic 'The Great Fire of London'! This week we've learnt all about Samuel Pepys and the key features of London in 1666. In Maths, we have learnt about 3D shapes and their properties. We also enjoyed our first digital art lesson where the children used their computing skills to design a digital self-portrait.

**Great Fire of London Day:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming History off the Page into school. There is still time for voluntary contributions via **School Gateway**. The Voluntary contribution for the visit is **£10.50** per child, we are sorry to say that without support from voluntary contributions, **we will have to cancel the event**. If you would like to support us on the day as a parent helper, please let your child's teacher know asap.

### For your information:

**Forest:** We will be going to the forest on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, children should come to school dressed in clothes suitable for the forest.

**World Book Day:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> is World Book Day and children may come to school dressed up as a book character or in their pyjamas. There will a free book fair held after school, if you would like to donate any books, please pass them onto the class teachers.

**Tricky Word Handout:** This week your child will be bringing home a handout which tells you which tricky words they confidently recall (these are the words which are highlighted). Please use this information to help your child practise the words which they need a little more help remembering (words which we have not highlighted). We have attached tricky word flashcards for you if you wish to print and use these.

### Our learning for week beginning: 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### Phonics:

We will be learning new phase 5 graphemes; **a** making the /or/ sound as in ball and water, the **a** making the /o/ sound as in swap, **ere** and **ear** making the /air/ sound as in bear and there.

**We revise the Year 1 Tricky words:** who, whole, because, eye, people, thought, through.

You could support your child by practising reading to them for pleasure and listening to them reading their reading book.

#### English:

We will continue learning about the events of 'The Great Fire of London'. We will explore reasons for why the fires spread rapidly and became 'Great'. We will also explore the suffix ed to support us when writing past tense words.

You could support your child by getting the children to discuss what happened during the Fire of London.

#### Maths:

We will be learning about the 2D shapes; circle, triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon and octagon. We will practise naming and identifying different 2D shapes in the environment around us. We will also sort 2D shapes by their properties e.g. straight sides, curved sides, vertices.

You could support your child by discuss different 3D shapes you can see at home.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

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