

Date: 1st December 2023

This week in Year 2:

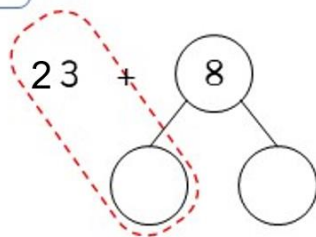


We started rehearsing for the Winter Performance which will take place on Tuesday, 12th December.

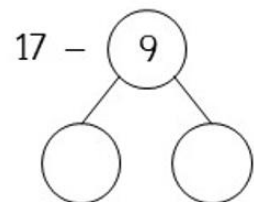
Maths / Number:

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting across ten. Think about how you can partition the number you are adding or subtracting.

$23 + 8 = \square$



$17 - 9 = \square$



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English / History:

We have been writing information leaflets. To help us understand these better, we looked at the features of information texts. These include headings, subheadings and images or pictures.

After we selected information about the plague, we boxed it up into the different sections for the leaflets.

Next, we will publish our leaflets using our best handwriting.

The Plague

What was the plague?

The plague was a terrible disease that spread through London in 1665. If someone caught the disease they usually died within a few days.

How did the plague spread?

In 1665 London was a filthy place because there was so much smelly rubbish in the streets. There were also lots of black rats who loved to eat the rubbish. The rats carried lots of diseases and tiny fleas. People were bitten by the rats' fleas which infected them with the plague. The plague was also spread when infected people coughed and sneezed on others.

What were the symptoms of the plague?

The symptoms of the plague were horrible!

- Large swellings on the body.
- A black rash.
- People would feel tired.
- People would vomit.
- People would have a high temperature.
- People would be in pain.

People would usually die 5 to 7 days after catching the plague.



How did people try to stop the plague from spreading?

People tried to do lots of things to stop the plague from spreading.

Fires were lit in the streets because people thought that the smoke would clean the air.



fire in street

People carried posies because they thought that the smell of them would stop them from catching the plague.



a posy

Cats and dogs were killed because people thought that they spread the plague.

Unfortunately, these things didn't work and the plague kept on spreading. Until the summer of 1666!

Phonics / Spellings:

We will be focusing on these words to help us with our writing:

- any
- many
- anyone
- some
- someone

Reading:



We have practised using noun phrases in our writing. See how many noun phrases you can find in your book. How do they help the reader build a picture in their minds? What makes them interesting?

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Home learning ideas:



Create an information poster on your favourite subject. You might know lots about a particular animal or a game. Include facts to let the reader know more about that subject.

Forthcoming events

St Paul's Cathedral educational visits

- 8th December – Shona's class
- 14th December – Kate's class

12th December – Year 2 Winter Performances

School website:

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

Happy learning!

Kate, Sarah and Shona