

This week, the children have enjoyed a visit from the Kent Fire Service which included a fire safety talk, looking at a Firefighters protective equipment and finding out about what smoke alarms do. They got to ask lots of questions and look around a fire engine.

In **English**, the children have looked at the features of a diary and written a diary entry for Pandora about the day she opened the box. They have also become familiar with the term pronoun and been able to identify different types of pronoun in sentences.

Next week, the children will:

- have a Grammar assessment
- Revisit some simple grammar to ensure understanding of word types such as; verbs, adverb, adjectives and noun types.
- Revise the term fronted adverbial and investigate the different types of adverbials in a sentence.
- learn words from the common exception word lists

In **Maths** the children have been: adding and subtracting using the column method, solving problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.

**Next week** the children will be

- consolidating their skills in estimating and checking answers using the inverse calculation
- completing missing number problems involving column addition and column subtraction

**Times Table Rockstars** – the children will be moving onto being tested on either their 4x or 3x tables. If your child had previously been tested on the 3 x table they will now be tested on the 4x. If they had previously been tested on the 2x or 5x table they will now be tested on the 3x table.

**Science:** the children have been making predictions and testing insulators and conductors on a circuit. Next week the children will understand how a switch works putting one into practice as they make their own circuit to light up a mini Christmas tree.

Have a great weekend,

The Year 4 Team.