

On Thursday 22nd March Class R and Class Q went for a visit to Paddington Fire Station. There was a real buzz of excitement as we walked to the station and we were even more excited when we met a real life Fireman Sam who gave us a safety talk. Sam told us that the crew were 'live' so could be called out to an emergency at any moment.

We had a quick chat about what the fire fighters do and then we got to explore the fire station. We were shown all the equipment on the fire engine and even got a turn holding the water hose; we had great fun aiming the water at the cones. The next thing we knew, the alarm sounded! We all moved to the safety point and watched as two fire engines and their crews left the station to attend the emergency.

We then learnt that everyone must have a smoke alarm in their house and if you do not have one the fire fighters will come to your house and put one in for you which we all thought was a great idea. We then found out more about what fire fighters wear as Sam put his uniform on; he was very kind and let some of us try on his helmet and hold his torch. Sam also showed us his radio and explained that fire fighters have to put their uniform on in 50 seconds. Sam asked Miss Galvin and Mrs Etingen to have a race to see who could put the uniform on the fastest and everyone, including the fire fighters, were so impressed that they both managed to put the uniform in under 50 seconds.

We had the best morning ever at the fire station. Thank you to everyone who came with us and to Fireman Sam and his firefighter colleagues for taking the time to welcome us to their fire station.

