



Welcome back to another school year! We hope you had a great summer and can't wait to get back into learning. This year, Year 2 will be taught by Miss Parish and Miss Green.

### Project: Fire! Fire!

This half term our project will be about The Great Fire Of London. We will be finding out about the life of Samuel Pepys and how the fire started. The children will then be learning about what happened to London after The Great Fire and its impact on buildings and people. The children will also be making their own models of Stuart Houses. We are sure this will be an exciting way to start Year 2.



### Literacy

Our literacy unit will be linked to our Fire! Fire! project and will be based around the text Toby and The Great Fire of London. We will be writing our own letter and developing our use of question marks and different sentence types. We will also be developing our grammar and using imperative verbs to write instructions on how to put out a fire. The children will also be taking part in guided reading which will incorporate a variety of literacy activities.

### Mathematics

This half term we will be building on our knowledge of place value and partitioning two and three digit numbers. We will also be practising our addition and subtraction skills and using apparatus. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to know their number bonds to 20 so we will be practising this during maths lessons. This will help us to solve more advanced addition and subtraction problems later in the year. Children will also be completing FAST Maths daily to consolidate their number bonds to 10.

### P.E.

This half term's PE lessons -

Miss Parish's class:

- Tuesday - indoor PE
- Thursday - outdoor PE

Miss Green's class:

- Tuesday - outdoor PE
- Thursday - Indoor PE

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days, including suitable trainers for outdoor PE. PE lessons will go ahead in most weathers.

This half term our indoor PE will focus on gymnastics, while our outdoor PE will focus on multi-skills.

## Home learning challenges

Last year we introduced home learning challenges and were delighted with the number of children who took part and the quality and creativity of their work. After parental feedback we have decided to continue this this year. This will be given out on Monday 12th September.

This half term's home learning will be based around our project of Fire! Fire! We will be sending a new piece of art work, poem, song and significant person home for the children to learn about. It is optional that your child completes the tasks on the grid. However KIIRFs will be sent out with the new homework and these, along with spellings, should be practised weekly. Children should also read regularly at home.

## Science

This term we will be learning about Our Living Earth , focusing on the world around us. We will find out about the different stages of life for animals and learn how to distinguish between things that are living and things that are dead. We have some exciting activities to do in science this term, including making our own snout and creating environments for animals to live in. The children will also be developing their observation skills.



## Reading at home

As the children move into year 2, we still encourage you to read with them at home every day. Reading is beneficial, not only for their understanding of different texts but also for supporting their writing and vocabulary. We don't mind what you choose to read at home, so long as the text is suitable for your child's age group and that they enjoy it. Please record any reading done at home in the reading records and ensure that they are brought to school daily, as these are checked every morning. The children will also be participating in daily guided reading at school to help them develop their reading and comprehension skills.

## Dates for your diary

12th September - after school clubs start for 5 weeks

13th September 3.30pm - Curriculum and Cake meeting for yr2 parents

15th September - RE day, the children will be having a day of learning devoted to this half term's RE project.

11th and 13th October Parent's Evening