

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Autumn 2 2017

### **Dear Parents,**

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a lovely half term break. The children have been showing growth mind-set in Maths learning and promoting good learning behaviour in the classroom.

**Our half termly topic this term is:** Fire and Ice

**As part of our topic we will be learning about:** the story of Rama and the Demon King, which is an ancient tale from India. The children will also use different sentence types in their writing for effect. For our non-fiction writing we will be looking into the Great Fire of London and write explanation texts about the fire. We will learn about significant people from the time and the impact it had on London. As part of this, in Science we will be learning about materials and observe what happens when we heat and cool them. In Art, we will be using pastels to recreate The Great Fire of London.

**In English we will be learning:** about the traditional tale from India; Rama and the Demon King. Children will use story maps and role play to familiarise themselves with the key events and the main characters in the story. After retelling the story and exploring the characters, the class will write their own story by taking ideas from the adventurous plot. The second half of the term we will be reading a non-fiction text to learn all about the Great Fire of London and how this changed the city we live in. We will write about Samuel Pepys, Christopher Wren and explain the events during the fire.

**In maths we will be learning:** and developing our mental maths strategies to add and subtract single digits and learning how to be more efficient in our use of maths resources when adding and subtracting larger numbers. We will also be learning the standard measurements for weight, length, capacity and temperature, using the vocabulary of kilograms and grams, metre and centimetres, litres and millilitres, and degrees Celsius to measure different things around the school. Before the end of the term we will also use money to count in groups we will explore different 2D shapes their properties and how to find fractions of shape and number.

### **Other activities, trips and events this half term include:**

The class will be going on a morning visit to The Monument. We will be looking at the city and imagining how the Great Fire of London changed how it looks today.

**What you can do to help:** Help your child practice their number facts such as the times tables and number doubles. Please try to hear your child read on a regular basis. Ask them questions about the book to help improve their comprehension and understanding.

### **Things to remember:**

- Remember! – school starts at 8:55. All children should be lined up and ready each morning.
- Reading books are to be brought back in with the reading log every **Monday** and **Wednesday** to be renewed. Please help your child to read at home and make a comment in their reading log.
- Homework is given out every Friday and is due back in on the following Monday.
- PE kit should be brought in every Monday.
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school, please ensure your child has one.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

**Other information:** If you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

**Best wishes from the year 2 team: Shay, Anneka and Ray**

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