



# Year 2

## Autumn Term 2023



Welcome back to the new academic year, we hope you are all ready and raring for an exciting time in Year 2 with us.

This term our theme is "Fire and Ice". This theme will see us stepping back in time exploring the events of the Great Fire of London and comparing what London was like and how people lived then, compared to life in London now. We will also be exploring where London is in relation to Gloucester and look at their similarities and differences. We will look at the Titanic and the events that led to its sinking.

We are really excited about this theme which gives us an opportunity for some really creative art and DT work. We will be using a great range of stories to support our work including: 'A Bear Called Paddington', 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and 'The Snow Dragon.'

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**Please remember you can contact us via e-mail or Class Dojo.**

### TRIP

On 3rd October 2023, we will be visiting John Moore's Museum in Tewkesbury to explore the Stuart houses and for a variety of workshops.

A consent letter about this will be sent out.

### Homework



The most important part of your child's homework is to read daily. In addition to this, we will be sending home spellings to practice in readiness for a quiz on Fridays. This is to ensure that our Year 2's are meeting the national expectations in writing for their age group, by the end of the year.

### PE days

PE is an important aspect of a healthy lifestyle and we aim for our pupils to lead active lifestyles to develop a healthy and happy mind and body. P.E lessons will take place every Wednesday afternoon with a focus of gymnastics. P.E kits will remain in school and will be sent home at the end of the half term.

### Thursday Forest school

Forest school is an important part of our curriculum, as it teaches children life skills that are useful outside of the classroom. It helps them to connect to nature and understand their role as stewards of the natural world.

### Reading at home

**If a child reads for 15 minutes a day, they could acquire up to 2 million new words in a year!**

Reading is the most important skill children will learn at school and reading at home makes such a difference to children's learning. Children can change their books as and when they finish them, but there is an expectation for children to communicate that they need a new book. This supports our ethos that reading forms the foundation of better learning across curriculum. We will write a comment in their reading diaries when reading with children in school, we ask that you do the same so we can ensure that our children are reading every day to an adult.

### Year group meeting and parents evenings

We will be inviting all parents to attend a drop in parent meeting on Monday 18th September 2023 from 3.20pm in Grebe classroom. This is so we can go through the expectations for Year 2, as they begin their year. This will also be a great time to have a look at your child's learning environment and ask any questions about their learning. Parents evening will take place the week beginning 23rd October 2023.