6th January 2021

**Year 2 Newsletter**

**Spring Term 2021**

Dear Parent,

I would like to start by wishing you a happy new year!

I hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and your children are looking forward to coming back to school. Last term was a huge success for our Year 2 pupils. Every day, they came into school with a smile on their face ready to learn and succeed. I am extremely proud of the progress they have all made so far and I am certain that they will continue to strive to be the best that they can be. As you are all aware, last term the children completed the phonics screening test and I am pleased to announce that EVERY child passed and we achieved 100%. Again, this is down to the children’s excellent attitudes and hard work. Spring Term has lots to offer and I am more than certain that your child will enjoy learning lots of exciting new things. Just like Autumn Term, both Year 2 classrooms will be used this year to ensure that pupils learn in the best possible way and get the experiences needed to ensure this will happen. One classroom will be used as the teaching classroom and the other classroom is set up as a linked learning room. In the linked learning room, I have created lots of areas for your children to consolidate their learning and work independently on English, Maths and Creative Curriculum activities linked to our weekly learning.

**Spring Term Curriculum**

Topic work this half term will focus on our History theme: ‘The Great Fire of London’. Our work will centre on our History theme, learning about the past event and the effect it had on our country. We have lots of exciting things planned and I hope to send you more information about this soon. In English we will be looking at the comic novel ‘Traction Man’ which is a popular children’s book written by the famous Author Mini Grey. Our science work will include looking at: ‘Animals including Humans’. This will also link to our PSHCE topic of looking at boys and girls.

In DT, we will be looking at structures and we will be using recycled materials to create our own buildings. Our RE topic work this term will look at how and why Moses is important to Jews, during this topic we will look at different religious stories.

We will be completing two hours of PE every Thursday afternoon and this will alternate between invasion games and health and fitness. Please make sure children have a white top, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes in school every week. PE kits must be brought to school on a Monday and they will be sent home on a Thursday evening. Black tracksuit bottoms can also be worn during winter.

**Reading at home and in school**

Separate information has been sent out to give you information about this terms ‘Read for the Stars’. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We don’t expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won’t get bored. Last terms reading party was a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those three weekly reads in!

**School Trips**

Due to recent events, we do not have a Spring Term trip planned currently but I do aim to take the children out into the local area to further our learning in school. Library visits will also take place at some point this term, again, more information will be sent out regarding this.

**Homework**

Homework in the Autumn Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child’s topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and discuss them. Here’s to a great Spring term!

Thank you,

Mrs Farrier