



# Year 2

## Half Termly Update

### Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely winter break, it was certainly a cold one! As the new year begins we are looking forward to getting straight back into school and ensuring the children are doing their best.

If you have any questions regarding this half term, please do not hesitate to ask!

Year 2 Team

#### **English**

This half term we will be reading a wide range of texts, including: **The Great Fire of London**, **London Calls! The Lost Property** and **The Buildings That Made London**. There will be many opportunities for the children to share their opinions on the text and produce extended pieces of writing. We will support the children with writing a diary entry from the point of view of a person from the Great Fire of London, as well as writing instructions on how to bake bread.

#### **Phonics**

We are so proud of the progress Year 2 children have made with their phonics. They are all becoming confident, fluent readers. This half term, children will continue with their phonics groups which will help them progress with their reading skills. Please encourage book talk at home with your child as this will help them to become fluent readers.

#### **Maths**

There will be a big focus on times table facts this half term, primarily the 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables. Children will be taught how to make equal groups to solve both multiplication and division problems and later they will look at word problems. Later in the half term, they will look at different shapes and their properties. They should be able to recognise 2D and 3D shapes and count their faces, edges and vertices. Finally, they will be introduced to fractions and understanding a fraction is made up of equal parts. They should be able to recognise and find a half and a quarter.

## Science

This half term we will be learning about **Living Things and their Habitats**. Children will learn to explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive by sorting and comparing images. There will also be a trip to the Garden Classroom where children will be able to hunt for living things and discuss the best way to sort them. Building on this, children will learn to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats.

## P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon. Children must bring in their P.E. kits each week to get changed. In P.E. lessons, children will learn to run at fast, medium and slow speeds and how to change speed and direction. The children will also take part in the Daily Mile, this will involve running several laps around the playground to improve the children's fitness, stamina and energy levels in class.

## History

In History, children will be looking at **The Great Fire of London**. Children will learn that in 1666, a fire started in a tiny bakery on Pudding Lane and burned down most of London. They will look at how London has changed over time, including the fact buildings are now made of glass, metal and bricks, whereas in the past, they were made of wood.

## PSHCE

In PSHCE, children will be looking at **Keeping Safe and Managing Risk**. The children will learn about keeping safe in the home, including basic fire safety. They will have the chance to build on their knowledge of the fire brigade after their visit from the previous half term. Also, they will learn about staying safe outside and the importance of road safety. At home, please speak to your child about ways we can keep safe.

## Music

Children will have music lessons on a Monday. This half term they will continue to learn the recorder. This should be brought in each week.

## Homework

Homework will be sent home once a week on Friday's. This will include spellings to learn and a Doodle Maths activity. Children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day and returning their reading diaries daily.