

# YEAR 2 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2022

Welcome back to the new term. Our year 2 children are doing brilliantly, they have settled back into the new year and are enjoying our new topic The Great Fire of London, which includes a Fire experience afternoon with Mr Ingall, singing fire songs and drinking hot chocolate. We will be learning about fire safety. We would like to share some information with you, about what your child will be learning over the Spring term; as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied.

<b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b>	<p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNIFORM</b></p> <p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</b></p> <p><b>This term we are having a focus on handwriting</b> (between 8.45 and 9.05 am)</p> <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting.</p> <p>For the first 15 minutes of everyday (during registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:55am</b>) every day.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>READING</b></p> <p>We expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book with them, and record this in their Reading Record Ask them questions about it. Ask them to retell the story. Stop half way through and ask them to guess what will happen next. This helps to support their understanding. <b>Books will be changed on a Thursday.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>		

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>YEAR 2</b></p> <p>Over the first part of the Spring term, we will focus on History and our topic will be called 'Fire! Fire!' We will look closely at the events that led up to the Great Fire of London. How we know so much about the past today and what has changed as a result of this disaster. During the second half of the Spring term we will focus on a geography/ science topic. This is called 'Animals and Plants near and far.'</p>  <p>During this theme we will compare different countries/ animals and plants with where we live. We will learn about habitats, food chains and how animals adapt to their surroundings (camouflage).</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p>	<p><b>Our PE day this term is Thursday.</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to wear a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their PE sessions on this day.</p> <p><b>Jewellery should not be worn on this day.</b> Earrings cannot be worn during PE sessions. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>HOMEWORK</b></p> <p><b>Queensmead Quests</b> will continue to be given out once per half term. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>Children have logins to <b>Purple Mash</b> and <b>Times Table Rock Stars</b> where they can access a range of activities and improve their timetable skills.</p> 
<p><b>If you have any problem or concerns – who do you ask?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teachers – Mrs Inwood or Mrs Alton</li> <li>• KS1 leader of learning- Miss Onions</li> <li>• Deputy Principals – Mrs Bentley &amp; Mrs Catlow</li> <li>• Principal – Mrs Latham</li> </ul> <p>Thank you on behalf of the Year 2 team.</p>			