

# YEAR 2 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2024

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 of The Great Fire of London. 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.</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>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform this can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre or online via our website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</b></p> <p><b>Being on time to school is really important.</b> Your child's classroom door will open at <b>8:45</b> ready for school to start at 8.50. The gates will close at 9.00.</p>  <p><b>This term we are having a focus on handwriting</b> (between 8.50 and 9.05 am) During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting.</p> <p>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 every day.</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>. Please write that you have heard your child read in their reading diary. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book/ebook with them. Ask them questions about it. Ask them to retell the story. Stop halfway through and ask them to guess what will happen next. This helps to support their understanding.</p> <p><b>All books will be changed on a Thursday.</b></p>		

<b>YEAR 2 THEME</b>	<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.</p> 	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>Our PE day this term is Wednesday.</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>	<b>HOMEWORK</b>	<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>During the second half of the Spring term we will focus on an Art/Science topic called 'How does your garden grow?'</p> <p>During this theme we will look at different plants and vegetables and how they grow. We will build on previous knowledge to understand what plants need to grow, why we need plants and how this links to our diet. This will include making our own fruit salad.</p> <p>We will also study artist Henri Matisse as part of our artist theme week.</p>	<b>TRIPS/FOREST SCHOOL</b>	<p>The children will be taking part in an interactive workshop on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>It will be a Great Fire of London themed workshop and children will be invited to dress up for the day.</p> <p>This term forest school will be on a <b>Tuesday</b>, please send a pair of wellies or a change of shoes that can get muddy. Children will also need a waterproof jacket. We will go out in all weathers.</p>		<p>Children have logins to <b>Numbots</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 concern – who do you ask?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teachers – Miss Onions, Mrs Chivers, Mrs McCartney &amp; Mrs Kendrick</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>					