A very warm welcome back to all Year 2 pupils and parents! I hope you

Rise Up Like a Phoenix:



had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Year Two worked extremely hard in the Autumn term and they should be very proud of how far they have progressed. They love to learn and I know they will be eager for more knowledge and responsibility in the

Spring Term.

Our Curriculum

Our aim for this term is to encourage the children to take risks and develop their resilience when encountering tricky challenges. Our topic this term will be based around the Great Fire of London. In History, we

will be exploring the events that led to the Great Fire and how the event affected London. Through our Geography lessons, we will explore hot and cold places around the world and compare how their climate differs. The artist Sokari Douglas Camp will inspire us in our Art lessons, where we will create our own phoenix sculptures. In our English lessons, we will use a variety of texts to inspire us in our own writing, such as Meerkat

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mail and The Troll. Our Science topic, 'Animals, including humans', will allow us to deepen our knowledge of healthy living and look at how the children have grown since birth. In Maths, we will continue to problem-solve, reason and develop our Mathematical fluency. Our Maths topics for this term will be Multiplication and Division, Money, Statistics, Geometry and Fractions. In DT, Year 2 will work in teams to make moving carts (the people of London need a cart to transport to fight the great fire!). When we are in the Computing Lab, we will be developing our coding knowledge. The children will also practise their typing skills. PE lessons will continue to develop our team work skills

through lessons that explore Athletics and Ball Skills. Music lessons will be each Thursday with Mrs Horner and Mr Jones

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As always, our Come and See lessons will link to all that we do. We will explore the topics of Books, Thanksgiving and Opportunities. Throughout each topic, we will learn stories from the Bible and discuss how we can apply Christian values to our



own lives. We will also take part in thought-provoking and beautiful liturgies led by all members of Year Two.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 2nd February: NSPCC Number Day

Fri 11th February: OLOL Inset Day

W/C 14th Feb: HALF TERM

3rd March: World Book Day

Wednesday 30th March and Thursday 31st March: Parent

Consultations

Friday 1st April: Last Day of Term

Ways to help at Home!

Reading is vital: "Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage" — Roald Dahl. Please encourage your child to read every evening.

Sign your child's reading record in

their diary so we can keep up-to-date with their successes at home. If your child cannot log on to Rising Stars Reading Books at home, please let me know so that they can practise logging in at school.

<u>PE:</u> PE will be outside this term. Please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school Tuesday-Friday. It will be cold outside so your child can bring in black jogging bottoms as well as their normal black shorts. They can also bring in sports hoodies to wear over their white PE tops. Due to health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

<u>Homework:</u> Year 2 will be given homework on a Monday. Please check your child's Homework sheet each week for more information. Some of Year 2 have already taken home extra homework to complete for extra house points. If you would like extra homework for your child to complete, please let me know and I will send some home with them.

Spellings: Year 2 have their Spelling Quiz with Mrs Kennelly on Monday

If you want to learn more about

afternoons. Please remind your child to learn their spellings and to what Year 2 have been doing in learn

how to use the words accurately in sentences. Vocabulary school, visit our blog at knowledge is key to ensuring your child has a strong reading www.brwacadamy.com comprehension and fluent writing skills.

We had a wonderful Autumn Term in Year 2. Your children have worked very hard and they have made excellent progress already. Their resilience and independence is growing day by day and it is a delight to see their pride and sense of achievement in their successes.

I am looking forward to finding out what 'Team Year 2' can achieve this term. Thank you in advance for your support over the coming term; it is much appreciated. Please arrange a meeting with me if you have any questions.

Mrs Cross