

WELCOME BACK YEAR 2

We are so pleased to see all the children back at school and can't wait to have lots of fun this half term! As always, we will keep you up to date with what is happening in school via the contact board outside the Year 2 classrooms or through letters and text messages if required.

OUR CURRICULUM FOR THE SPRING TERM

Our topic this half term is **Amazing Amazon Animals!** We are going to adventure into the Amazon Rainforest and learn all about the creatures that live there as part of our Science topic 'Animals including Humans'. We will explore the texts 'Along the Tapajos' and 'Roaming in the Rainforest' to inspire us to write a letter of a journey through the rainforest and a report about an incredible Amazon animal. In DT, we will learn all about wheels and axles in order to design and create an Amazon buggy. In ICT, we will develop our questioning and spreadsheet skills and also use the WWF app to research rainforest animals. We can't wait!

Our topic next half term is **the Great Fire of London**. We will be considering the causes of the fire and asking '*What was the impact of the fire for the people of London at the time and today?*' During our History lessons, we will study some amazing artefacts and consider what they tell us about the event. We will explore the text 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' to create our own stories about the fire. Partake Theatre Company will be visiting to help us retell this famous catastrophe through narration, mime, music and dance. During our Art lessons, we will develop our sketching and collage skills to create a wonderful representation of the Great Fire. We will also build and burn our own city of London on the playground and be eyewitnesses to a roaring inferno!

- [Twitter](#) Click the link to go to our school Twitter page for updates on what Year 2 are learning each week.

Homework project

The children have loved creating some incredible Amazon animal artwork already so we are setting them a project to research an Amazon animal of their choice! The project can be presented however they like... we know they are a creative bunch!

The due date is **Wednesday 2nd February** – your child will have an opportunity to present their project. We cannot wait to see them!

Reading

We have been amazed by all the reading that many of the children have been doing at home. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the Reading Disco last term. Please keep reading with your child at least three times a week and record this in their Home School Diary.

We will continue to change your child's reading book on Thursdays.

Spelling

We will test the children on their individual spelling bookmarks on Fridays. Please practise these at home and write in your child's Home School Diary by Thursday if they are ready to be tested.

Times Table Rock Stars

We will be sending your child's Times Table Rock Stars login details home so please encourage them to practise their times tables. We would love to see a class of rock stars!



Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and double check that your child's name is on all items of clothing to enable us to identify any lost property and return to you. Thanks!

PE

This term, year 2 will continue to have PE on **Tuesday afternoons**. Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit on this day, including **plimsolls/trainers, long joggers/shorts (weather dependent), a plain white t-shirt and a blue or black hoody/school jumper**. It can be very chilly at the moment so joggers/leggings and a hoody would be brilliant.

If your child wears earrings and they are unable to remove them independently, they must be removed before school on PE days, otherwise they will not be able to take part and we really don't want the children to miss out!

Water bottles and milk

If your child would like milk, please contact the school office to arrange this.

They will also need a water bottle in school every day so they can have a drink when needed. The children keep their bottles on the table so it is important that they have a spill proof cap (sports cap) to protect work. For this reason, we ask that bottles only contain water, as spilt squash/flavoured water is very sticky. As we work to reduce plastic waste, please ensure that your child's bottle is reusable rather than a single use plastic.

Lunches

The children can choose between three lunch options or bring a packed lunch from home. To help with this, we will continue to display the weekly menu in the window and would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes each morning helping your child to read the menu and make their choice. Paper copies of the menu can be provided on request.

We encourage all children to have a hot meal if possible, particularly in the cold months. However, if your child would like a grab bag, please let a member of staff know in the morning.

Thank you for all your support,

The Year 2 Team