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17th January 2020

Dear Parents,

First of all, the Year 2 teaching staff welcome your children back to school and you to normality! We hope that you and your families had a restful break and that your children are ready and raring to hit the Spring term, full of enthusiasm!

Curriculum

Our themes for this term are 'The Great Fire of London' and 'A Safe Place to live'. Attached to the end of this letter is an outline of what we will be covering in the curriculum this term. Please also see the attached knowledge organisers for information about the areas we cover and key vocabulary.

Important Calendar Dates

The Great Fire of London workshop: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Marigold Class Assembly: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Parent Teacher Consultations: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Hounslow Urban Farm visit: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Reading

It is impossible to over emphasise the positive impact that reading has on your child's education and development. We would ask that you devote a little time each day for reading together with your child. Once you have read with your child, please sign their reading diary and return the book and the diary to school. We will aim to change your child's book on the same day it is returned. We ask that you sign your child's diary at least twice a week. Please remember that Accelerated Reader is a great online resource for developing children's comprehension skills. Once your child has completed a book, please ensure that they complete the quiz for that book on Accelerated Reader. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Parent Volunteers

We know that many parents were keen to volunteer at the start of the academic year and have now completed the safeguarding training. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested in helping this term and what your availability would be – we would really appreciate having some reading volunteers for this term.

Homework

As usual, all homework will be given out on Monday and will be expected to be handed in the following Monday. If your child cannot remember their log in details for Mathletics, a paper copy of these can be provided by their maths teacher.

Equipment

As usual, please can you check that your child has the following in school:

- Plimsolls, shorts and a t-shirt for PE lessons.
- Trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a spare pair of socks for Games.

We politely ask that children **do not** bring in their own pencil cases. All stationary equipment will be provided in school.

### Swimming

Cornflower class will be swimming this term. Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit, towel and swimming hat every Wednesday. The children will leave school at 1.30, travel by coach to Pools on the Park, and return to school by 3.30. If you have any questions or your child has any worries about the swimming lessons, please talk to your child's class teacher.

### Communication

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Catch us in the playground or email us: [year2@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:year2@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk)

With very best wishes to the parents and carers of our lovely Year 2 children,

The Year 2 Team

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