



11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year! Thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards we received at the end of the Autumn term, they were very much appreciated.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 2. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The Year 2 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class Teacher – Mrs F Wadley

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Bates, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Jordan

### Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday Parent Surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.

### Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recounts, diaries, poetry, traditional tales and instructions</li></ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Money</li><li>• Time</li><li>• Statistics</li><li>• Written methods for Addition and Subtraction</li></ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Materials</li></ul>
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Communication</li><li>• Research</li></ul>
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sculpture</li><li>• Collage</li></ul>
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building structures</li><li>• Food</li></ul>
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Great Fire of London</li></ul>
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Similarities and differences of local area and a non-EU country</li><li>• Oceans and Continents</li></ul>

RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special places</li> <li>• Easter</li> </ul>
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Ball games</li> </ul>
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GFOL – London's Burning</li> </ul>
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living in the wider world</li> </ul>

## Learning Logs & Homework

### Reading

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult every day. This is to be recorded in their Reading Record books which will be checked throughout the week. Our focus in Year 2 is to fully understand what we are reading; a good way to check this at home is to ask the children questions about what they have just read and see how confidently they can answer your questions.

### Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Monday which they must learn for a test on a Friday.

### Times tables

This term we will also begin quizzing the children on their times tables knowledge. By the end of the year they will need to be fluent with their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts.

### Learning Logs

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Learning logs will be sent home on a Thursday and need to be returned on Tuesday. Children should spend approximately 30-45 minutes on each task.

### Mathletics

We will continue to set Mathletics tasks each week, these relate to the tasks we are learning and practising at school. It is a great way for the children to consolidate what we have been learning each week. Please let us know if you have any problems (some tasks appear to only work on a PC).

### Handwriting Heroes

This term we will also continue to practise our handwriting. It is expected that children form all letters correctly by the end of year 2, so we have been practising individual letters with the children when we spot they are forming them incorrectly. For example round letters (a, c, d, g, q and o need to be drawn by forming a 'c' first, and g, p, q, y, j and f must be drawn below the line. Any reinforcement of these rules you can give would be fantastic.

### P.E

P.E. lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays this term. The children should bring a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms as their kit. If the children do not have their P.E. kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will receive a reminder letter. Monday's lesson will be outdoors so we need to have a tracksuit kept in school.

### Equipment

Can you please ensure that your child has the following items in school at all times:

- A water bottle
- P.E. kit – including a tracksuit or leggings, a jumper, trainers
- Black shoes to wear indoors

- An art shirt (optional)
- Wellies (optional)

### Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. This half term we will be receiving a visit from History off the Page who will be running a Great Fire of London workshop. They provide an excellent insight into the Great Fire including how we can use artefacts and evidence to find information.

### Topic

In the next few weeks we will be making Tudor houses during our D&T lessons. In order for this to be successful, we ask that each child brings in a couple of small boxes, no larger than the size of a cereal box, by **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. All other materials needed will be supplied by the school.



If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity Wadley  
Year 2 Class Teacher