

## Year 2

Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Phipps

Welcome to the Spring term in Year 2. Our theme this term is London, starting with our local area then moving on to learn about the Fire of London. Of course, local to our school is the woodlands and Stave Hill; we will visit these areas during this topic to learn more about our locality. We will be reading stories with a woodland setting and looking at habitats in Science.

It is very important that your child continues to read **every** day at home. Reading records are checked daily and some children are now approaching 100 on our Reading Rocket Challenge which is fantastic. Please talk to your child about their book as this will help their comprehension skills which is a focus in Year 2. **A daily commitment of 15 minutes of reading every evening makes a real difference to your child's progress.**

### English

This term we are starting with the book "*Tadpole's Promise*" and the children will be writing about the life cycle of a frog. We will then look at Roald Dahl's "*The Minpins*" which is about tiny people who live in the woods. This will no doubt inspire some great creative writing.

### Maths

We will continue to look at place value along with addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers up to 100 and beyond, using partitioning and empty number-lines. We will also be measuring mass in grams and kilograms. You can help at home by continuing to practise the 2,5 and 10 times tables.

Geography - We will be learning to use maps, compass directions and co-ordinates. We will then be creating our own map of the local area.

Science - Our topics are Living Things and Habitats. We will look at different habitats and what they provide. This will include going on a woodland walk and observing animals and their habitats.

Art - We will be exploring the local area and sketching what we see using pencils.

### Notices

- PE is every Monday and Wednesday —please bring in full kits, including plimsolls. During Winter, we advise that you provide a navy blue tracksuit.
- Homework is given out on Friday and is due in on Tuesday. Spellings and times tables are tested on Friday.
- Our class assembly is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm so please come along.