

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Welcome to Year 2!** We hope you have all had a very enjoyable summer. This term we will have two overarching themes we will be exploring during History and Geography. The first title is 'London's burning!' where we will be learning about The Great Fire of London. The second title is 'Where are we?' where we will be learning about the countries in the United Kingdom.

### **Morning Routine**

It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40 am so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. We appreciate your support in helping your child settle into the school day; however, we would like to promote independence from the beginning of Year 2 onwards. In each class children will come in and settle to a morning task.

### **PE**

PE will continue to be on set days but we ask you to ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise. PE kits will come home at the end of the day on some Fridays. Please can you make sure they are returned by Monday. Our PE sessions may be outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels (including jumpers and cardigans).

### **Reading**

As a class, we will visit the library regularly during the week. During this time, children have access to a range of books and can change them when needed. Please remind your children if they need to change their books as they have the opportunity daily. The expectation for reading fluency in Year 2 is that children can read approximately 90 words per minute, to be able to achieve this they must practise regularly. Reading is very important so please hear your child read as often as possible; this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this on the GoRead app.

### **Homework/Spellings**

Homework will be sent out at the beginning of term with the due date on the top of the sheet. Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. You may also choose to practise words from the 'statutory word list' if your child would like an extra spelling challenge! Please ask your class teacher if you do not have a list of these.

### **Communication**

We are available before or after school on most days if you wish to come and see us for any particular reason. Alternatively, you can contact us on Class Dojo. If you would like to contact via email please send to: [y1.2@redoaks.org.uk](mailto:y1.2@redoaks.org.uk).

We look forward to a great year ahead.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Morgan, Mrs Elborn and Miss McGahey