



30th October 2023

Dear Ladybird Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the half term break!

History: one of the children's favourite topics is 'The Fire of London' we will be looking at this historical event and comparing fire fighting today with that of 1666.

Samuel Pepys the diarist will visit us later in the half term.

South West Heritage Museum Visit: on Friday 1st December, we will spend the morning exploring the 'Fire of London' workshop run by the South West Heritage Museum.

Science: we will continue to explore every day materials and which changes, effected by temperature, can or cannot be reversed.

PE: In addition to PE on Thursdays, it is also on Monday afternoons.

Design and Technology: we would love you to bring in some wind-up toys and items from home for the class display. We will be revisiting singing nursery rhymes as we are making 'nursery rhyme' wind-up mechanisms.

Each child will need a standard size shoebox so please save them to bring into school in the next few weeks (we will create our wind-up mechanisms during the last 3 weeks of this term).

Ladybird Class Christingle Service: will be held on Wednesday 29th November in our classroom at 2.50pm and all Year 2 parents/carers are invited to join us.

Homework: Just a reminder that homework needs to be handed in by Thursday. Some great regular home reading is taking place and the children are making excellent progress. Please keep it up as children who read regularly make the most progress.

Spelling is to be practiced weekly by writing each word 3 times and then writing 3 sentences using the spelling words for homework. Then learnt by repetition, so please revise a few words daily (even if it is on the way to and from school) in preparation for the weekly test each Friday.

Show and Tell is on Friday afternoon and includes items of interest linked to our topic work Science/DT/ History - NO toys - please link show and tell to the topic work.	
Week 1	Rowan, Aylsa, Teddy, Fayth
Week 2	George, Miley, Teagan, Erin
Week 3	Billy, Aidan, Harper, Samson
Week 4	Koen, Ella, Logan, Finlay, Arbie
Week 5	Dylan, Maisie, Rose, Elliott
Week 6	Theo, Ayla, Megan
Week 7	Raffi, Isabelle, Harriet

Teaching in Year 2: As deputy headteacher I am not in class on Wednesday, Thursday and Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday Miss Green teaches Year 2.

On Thursday we have planned a whole school day teaching each year group to cover our teachers' PPA cover and this includes:

Mrs Johnson	Mr Coggins	Mr Sage	Ms Green
Music	P.E.	French	Phonics and Forest school

Communication: We continue to use [Class Dojo](#). Please contact the office via phone or email about your child being collected at the end of the day/medication. If you have any queries or concerns use [Class dojo messages](#) and we can organise [a meeting or a phone call](#). Please don't come into the classroom during early morning activities speak to the office staff and we will get back to you if needs be.

Mindfulness and Pupil voice: We are now using Zones of Regulation which help children to understand how they are feeling and that no feelings are bad but it is how we respond to our feelings which is important.

We continue to focus on regular opportunities to practice and develop mindfulness and pupil voice to ensure that our children become confident and positive and know that their opinion matters.

We are looking forward to a super half term which will include lots of enriching learning experiences as well as some exciting Christmas activities including our Christmas performance.

Best Wishes

Felicity Gibb and Miss Green

Year 2 Team

