



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Our topic this term is inspired by Paddington Bear. We will be learning about London in the present day and comparing it to London in the past, focusing on The Great Fire of London. We will also learn about deepest, darkest Peru. In Term 4 we hope to visit the STEAM museum in Swindon and learn about George Stevenson and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, more details to follow soon. This term we have been invited to join with other partnership schools to perform a Year 2 concert, there is a singing workshop after half term and the concert is held at Wood Green School in March, again more details to follow shortly.

There will be an information evening later in the term about SATs. Year 2 will be taking part in this end of Key Stage assessment throughout May so please avoid taking your child out of school during this month. We try to be very relaxed about these assessments with the children and they have already tried some papers.

PE

We continue to have PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school all week in case of any unexpected timetable changes. Do ensure that everything in your child's PE kit, and on other belongings, is named to avoid losing property.

Home learning

Your child will once again receive a purple homework folder full of activities. I have reflected on the homework last term and listened to feedback from parents and have compiled homework activities for Term 3, with a new set of activities to be given out in Term 4. Homework guidance can be found on the homework sheet. This term the homework is more child led and your child can decide how to present their homework to share with their peers on Fridays. If you are unsure please do come and ask.



Keep up the good work with reading at home too. We awarded lots of weekly reading certificates last term to those children who had read at home at least 4 times a week. The children are all keen to read and progress onto the next colour box! If you have read with your child or sometimes if they have done some reading on their own, write this in their reading record book.

Collection of your child

If someone other than a parent is collecting your child please sign the sheet on the door where the children line up in the morning before 8:40am to let us know. Any regular arrangements concerning the collection of your child can be put in writing and given to your child's teacher or the school office.

Cloakroom

Our classroom cloakroom is very crowded; if your child is able to leave their big rucksack at home it would really help. Their PE kit can stay in school all week and book bags go in their trays.

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions, worries or concerns. We look forward to another busy and exciting term.

Best wishes,

Miss Woodford and Mrs Hawkins