



Welcome back after a strange couple of months and the summer break – I hope that you enjoyed your summer! This term I look forward to welcoming the children into their new Year 2 class and getting to know everyone. Year 2 will bring a range of new challenges and expectations as we move towards the end of Key Stage 1. We have a busy but fun half term ahead ☺ Miss Hague will be the class teacher alongside Mrs Oldham who will support the class every morning and Miss Davis who will support the class every afternoon. Myself and the rest of the year 2 team will do all that we can to ensure that your child feels safe and secure and soon settles into our class.

Our topic this half term is 'Was the Great Fire of London a good thing?' and the information that the children need to know by the end of this topic can be found on their History knowledge organiser. A copy of this has been sent home as a paper copy and on Class Dojo but a copy can also be found and downloaded from our class page. We will be learning about the significant event of the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at sources of information including the diary of Samuel Pepys and finding out about the consequences of the fire.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question: Which materials should we use? We will be learning about the different types of materials and learning about their properties. We will compare different materials and also talk about their suitability. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will also be learning about Charles Macintosh and designing waterproof coats. The knowledge and vocabulary that children need to know and understand can be found on their knowledge organisers.

Please look out for your Dojo letters if you have yet to sign up so you can keep track of your child's progress by mobile or email.

I look forward to the coming academic year and getting to know you all better. Please feel free to dojo message or ring school if you have any queries or worries.

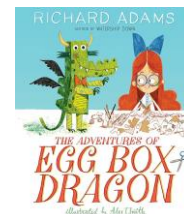
Many thanks,  
Miss Hague  
Year 2 Class Teacher & Vice Principal

#### **Useful websites:**

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)  
[www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com)  
<https://trockstars.com/>  
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/science/materials>  
[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)  
[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)  
[www.epicphonics.co.uk](http://www.epicphonics.co.uk)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths)

**MATHS** –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of number and place value. We will be doing lots of counting and number facts work as well as working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will be using TT Rock stars which will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts and their log in details will be send home. It can be played on an iPad or laptop.

**ENGLISH** This half term we will be reading our new book 'Egg Box Dragon' which links with our Science and Design Technology topics on materials.



In addition, we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

**PE** is on a **Monday** and **Friday** and will be taught by a specialist PE coach. Children need to come to school in their PE kit. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie and black trainers. Also, please remember no earrings on PE days.

**HOMEWORK** – Homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Monday. Homework will consolidate the children's existing skills or build on the teaching throughout the week. Please support your children to complete their homework. Any lost books will need to be paid for as school has purchased 2 books per child.

**HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS** –Please use your reading record to help us to communicate with you. Books will be changed as needed. There will be a basket in the classroom and these will be changed every day. Please aim to read at home at least 4 times per week.