**Year 2 Term 4**

**Website Notes**

We hope you will enjoy your half term break and will come back ready for some new topics!

This term, in history we will be focusing on the ‘fire’ part of our ‘Fire and Ice’ topic, in particular looking at the Great Fire of London. We have some exciting things planned for this topic which we are looking forward to.

In English, we will be moving on to look at humorous poetry. We will read and listen to a selection of poems, as well as identify some of the features we would expect to find. We will then build up to writing our own humorous poems. Towards the end of term, we will be looking at non-fiction texts with a particular focus on reading and writing instructions.

We are also looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on 1st March** and seeing all the children’s favourite characters.

In maths, we will continue with multiplication and division before introducing fractions, including problem solving. Thank you for your continued support in assisting your child with learning their times tables or related division facts. This term, we will continue to test the children on these weekly but we will also be relying on our times tables knowledge in our maths lessons.

In science, we will continue looking at different uses of materials and how the shapes of different objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will also be conducting more exciting investigations.

Attached is an information booklet about the 2017 Year 2 SATS that will be taking place in May. SATS tests are compulsory and will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to children the same age nationally. They are not qualifications and they do not affect your child’s future options in school. The results are used to ensure that schools are teaching their pupils the essential knowledge and skills in the subjects that are the early building blocks.

We do as much as possible to prepare the children for these tests whilst trying to make sure that they do not feel anxious about them and just see them as another classroom activity. We refer to them as booklets rather than tests.

Recently, a number of parents have been asking for additional homework or practice papers to support their child at home. KS1 SATS practice booklets are available to buy online from websites such as Amazon but we would like to make it clear that there is no expectation from school that any parents need to purchase these. However, if this is something that you would like to do, a number of companies such as CGP publish workbooks and practice papers, which some children find useful. Below is also a link to last year’s SATS papers if you would like to have a look at the types of questions asked and the level of difficulty.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

We would like to reiterate that our school homework requirement is that children read at least 5 times a week, learn their spellings and times tables and complete three 15 minute sessions on RM EasiMaths each week.

If you have any questions at all, please do speak to your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team