

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely holiday and are refreshed and ready to embrace 2025!

Our cross curricular theme this term is 'Changing Homes, Changing Times' as detailed on the curriculum poster overleaf. The key question we will be considering throughout the term is '*How can we be Agents of Change?*' In History we will learn about how our homes have changed over time and discover key changes in our daily lives e.g. home entertainment and smart phones and consider whether all change is positive. In Art we will learn how we can be agents of change and use our art to convey positive messages; we will look at activism in art through some of the works of Banksy. In D.T we will learn how to repurpose recycled materials and in Science we will learn about materials and their properties. Throughout the term we will consider our 'Big Question' about how we can make change for good and be 'agents of change'!

As you know, Year 2 is an important year in your child's education as it marks the end of their time in Key Stage 1. Please continue to support your child as much as possible at home. Daily reading, and regular practice of spellings and number-facts benefit all children. Please use Mathletics and Spelling Shed at home.

Here are a few reminders about our everyday routines in Year 2:

- The classroom is open from 08.35 a.m. and children are registered at 8.45a.m. Children have a learning activity as soon as they arrive, followed by our phonics lesson. Please try and arrive promptly each day to make the most of this learning opportunity.
- We change reading books every Thursday but books should be brought in every day as we will try to hear children read whenever we have a spare few minutes (we also hear children read during class reading sessions). When you hear your child read, please ask questions and talk about the text with them, then sign their record book. Please ensure that you sign when you have read a book. Any parental comments in reading records are also welcomed.
- Finally, please can we remind you to label all jumpers, coats, book bags etc. We can't help to locate missing items unless they are named.

Please don't hesitate to come and chat to me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Field, Miss Haywood and Mrs Maker