



Key Stage One Newsletter

Date: Wednesday 9th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year Two! We are so excited to welcome you all back to Rodbourne, we have planned a fabulous year of learning and can't wait to get started.

Curriculum aims

We are studying two fantastic books this term. We will start with *Something Else* by Chris Riddell. This book is all about fitting in and we will use it to talk about what it is like coming back to school. We will then move on to reading *The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London* and exploring the history of the Great Fire of London.

We really encourage children to explore the topics and books that we are studying at school on when they are at home. There are some wonderful resources about the Great Fire of London. Below are some recommendations:

Books

- *The Great Fire of London: 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of 1666* - Emma Adams & James Weston Lewis
- *Toby and The Great Fire Of London* - Margaret Nash & Jane Cope
- *The Great Fire of London Unclassified* - Nick Hunter
- *The Great Fire Of London* - Liz Gogerly

Websites

- A fantastic game for the kids to play at home - <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>
- A good reminder of the key events for grown ups! - <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/great-fire-london>
- Another great fun game - <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

Values

At Rodbourne, we believe that teaching the children values is very important. Our first two values will be Respect and Courage. We also want to remind all the children of our Rodbourne school rules. They are as follows: Be safe, be kind and be respectful.

Of course, there will be some new routines to keep everyone safe. All children will be asked to regularly and we will keep to our bubbles at all times.

Homework

We will be having a major focus on reading this year and will be asking the children to read with an adult at home every day and record this in their reading records. Children will be asked to change their of books only on Monday and Thursday. They will drop the used books in a box in the classroom and collect a new one. **It is vital that the children have their book and reading record in school every day.**

Homework will go out on a Thursday and will need to be handed in on the following Tuesday. We will try to set as much home learning as we can through Education City, Purple Mash and TT Rockstars. The homework will be in support of the learning happening in class and, this year, it is more important than ever that it is completed.

PE

PE will be on a Monday. We are asking the children to come into school in their PE uniforms on this day to minimize the need for children to change and have more clothes to wash. Please bring the children to school in their PE uniform. (Blue / black tracksuit or shorts, white PE top, blue or black PE tracktop or school jumper, trainers)

Water Bottles

Due to Covid restrictions, children will not have access to the water fountains, therefore children **must** bring in their own water bottles every day.

We want to thank you so much for all your support throughout these difficult times. I have no doubt that we are going to have a brilliantly fun year and I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Warm regards

Mr. Goodman