

Dear Parents and Carers

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In Year 2 we are lucky enough to be having our very own Architect Ambassador, Mr. Kerr, coming in this half term to inspire and educate the children. Mr Kerr will help the children to understand some of the skills needed to be an architect and an understanding of what architecture is. This is an incredibly exciting initiative driven by the Royal Institute of British Architects and we are very excited to be part of such an amazing scheme.

Please see below for more information regarding RIBA's Architect Ambassador Programme.

Who is RIBA?

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is a global professional membership body driving excellence in architecture. We serve our members and society in order to deliver better buildings and places, stronger communities and a sustainable environment. Being inclusive, ethical, environmentally aware and collaborative underpins all that we do.

What is the National Schools Programme?

RIBA launched its National Schools Programme last year and is the first nationwide architectural learning programme for schoolchildren. The scheme aims to help children explore and understand the built environment: its impact on people and communities; how it is shaped and developed; and why good design is important. It empowers children to have an opinion on architecture and make their voice heard in the debate. As part of this programme we offer schools free learning resources, site visits at our London headquarters, and the chance to take part in our Architecture Ambassadors Scheme

What will happen?

Our school has been selected to take part in our very popular Architecture Ambassadors Scheme, which moves around the country each term. The programme creates partnerships between schools and architecture professionals, who become RIBA Architecture Ambassadors, volunteering their time to deliver creative, curriculum-linked workshops for children aged 4-18 years.

During the next term an architect will be delivering workshops to pupils at your school which develop understanding and skills around architecture, linking to topics being studied and enhancing skills such as design, critical thinking, DT, geometry and communication. For more information please visit www.architecture.com/education-cpd-and-careers/learning/riba-national-schools-programme.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or a member of the Year 2 team.

Kind regards.

Miss Pearson