

Thursday 17th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big hello and welcome back from all the staff in Year 2 ☺ We hope you all had a lovely break over the summer and are ready for the new term ahead!

Our topic for this term is '**Great Fire of London**' The focus of our learning for the topic is History, but it will also include a variety of curriculum areas such as Art and DT. See below for more information about what we are covering in each subject this half term.

"The Great Fire of London"	
Maths	In the first three weeks of term, we will be focusing on place value and mainly on numbers to 100. Later on, we will look at areas such as addition and subtraction, as well as money. The children will be learning how to add two-digit numbers in a variety of ways and looking at number bonds to 100 for the first time.
English	Over this term, we will be looking at a variety of texts and films to stimulate the children's learning in English. We will learn and retell Jack and the Beanstalk and create our own version of this fairy tale. As we go through the term, we will move on to looking at a variety of Roald Dahl texts, using these to help us write instructions and character descriptions.
Science	In science, we will be looking at animals including humans. We will look at how to stay healthy through eating the right foods and exercising properly. As the topic progresses, the children will look at animals and their young, thinking about how different animals have different offspring.
History	History this term will focus on the Great Fire of London. We will explore the significance of the fire and how it started, look at what London was like in 1666, understand how the fire spread and why so many buildings were destroyed.
Computing	We will develop our understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. We will discuss where we have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. We shall investigate how IT improves our world and learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.
Art/DT	In Art we will be developing our drawing skills and explore a range of lines.
PSHE	We will be looking at "My healthy self" and how we can look after our bodies. The children will be understanding how everyday choices support health and wellbeing.

RE	RE in the Autumn term will focus on Christianity. We will start by looking at the teachings of Jesus and moving on to learning about Christmas and the Christian beliefs surrounding it.
PE	During PE, we shall learn the fundamental skills such as balancing, coordination, agility through games, group and partner work. We will also be developing our dance skills.

Additional Information	
PE kit	P.E lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure children bring a full P.E kit into school, which should include: White T- shirt, bottle green or black shorts, suitable trainers/pumps, warm black or green jogging bottoms and an extra green sweatshirt. This will be kept in school so that the children can change into it on their PE days. Please ensure that all items are named.
Remember	Please label all items of school clothing and a named water bottle.
Homework	
Reading	Reading books will be sent home daily. There will be a reading book that is matched to their reading level and a 'bedtime book' which they choose independently and could be read to them by an adult if needed. It is important that you read every day with your child and record their reading in your child's reading diary . Your child will need to bring their books and diaries to school every day.
Spellings	We will be sending home spelling sheets for the children to have a go at when they are at home. These will focus on the year 2 statutory words spellings and reinforce the work we will do in school. There will not be a formal test for these spellings each week, but we will track their progress throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Giles and Miss Jenkins