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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y2 Welcome Letter

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 2. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information about routines and expectations in Year 2.

This term's curriculum.

Our overarching topics this term will be **Our Local Environment** followed by **The Great Fire of London**.

Subject	Topic
Science	Animals including humans/Everyday Materials
History	History of Canals/The Great Fire of London
Geography	Skills and Fieldwork/UK Countries and Capital Cities
Art	3D Nature Sculpture
D.T	Structures
R.E	Special – The Hindu Story of Ganesh/Symbols - Light as a Symbol
PSHE	Me and My Relationships/Valuing Difference
Music	Seasons and Weather/Our Land and Number
Computing	Creating Pictures/Online Safety and Spreadsheets
P.E	Netball/Tag Rugby

Reading

Your child will be issued with a reading book and their reading record. We will be reading with your child at school and recording any comments in their reading record as a way of communicating their reading successes, and sometimes words or sounds to practise at home. When your child comes home with their book, please spend time looking at the cover of the book together and discussing what you both think might happen by using the title, pictures and blurb. When reading the book, please encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to solve any unknown words. Sometimes picture clues might also help them. The books will also contain some common exception words which are words we just need to learn by sight. We would encourage you to ask your child to re-read each book as there are lots of benefits to this; they build understanding of the story, start to remember tricky words by sight and they can become more fluent at blending new words thus hearing themselves as readers and gaining confidence. It would be fantastic if you could listen to your child read daily, however we do realise that sometimes this is not possible! As before, children will be receiving sapphire gems for reading at home. Please do also continue to use the comments section in their reading record to communicate any success or concerns at home.

Library

The children will have a weekly visit to the school library to select a book to bring home. This will be Monday for Woodpecker, and Tuesday for Kingfisher. Please make sure that your child returns their library book each week so that they can be issued with a new one.

Homework

Year 2 homework is half termly, and includes an English, maths and topic activity.

Outdoor Learning/P.E.

We plan to provide your child with some outdoor learning opportunities on Mondays, so please provide your child with named wellies and waterproof trousers, if possible, to be kept at school. If any of these sessions are to take place off site, we will let you know beforehand. In Year 2, PE will be taught on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be indoors and outdoors; in the autumn and spring term you may wish to include tracksuit trousers and a top. PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers and dark coloured jogging bottoms for the winter. We will be expecting the children to change for P.E. in school in order to help them develop greater independence with this life skill.

Additional Equipment

We still provide Year 2 children with the stationery that they will need for their learning at school. Therefore, your child does not need to bring their own stationery nor pencil case into school. If your child still has their **red school book bag**, please feel free to continue using this in Year 2, as your child only needs to bring their named water bottle, reading book and reading record into school on a daily basis. Please do not send in large rucksacks as we do not have space for them.

Extra-Curricular Events

We have two planned events coming up soon.

The Coram life bus will be delivering an online session for all Year 2 pupils about keeping and making friends. These sessions will take place on Friday 16th September for Kingfisher Class and Monday 19th September for Woodpecker Class.

The farm visit has been rearranged for Tuesday 27th September.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Norcutt, Mrs Blair & Mrs Alcock

Year 2 Teaching Team