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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y2 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year from the Year 2 Team! Your children have had a great first week back. The purpose of this newsletter is to remind you of information about routines and expectations in Year 2.

This term's curriculum

Subject	Topic
Science	Uses of Everyday Materials/Plants
History	The Great Fire of London
Geography	Why is our world beautiful?
Art	Drawing and Painting (Portraits)
D.T	Free-standing structures
R.E	Ideas about God/ The Easter Story
PSHE	Keeping Safe/ Rights and Responsibilities
Music	I Wanna Play in a Band / Zootime (pulse, rhythm, pitch)
Computing	Purple Mash - Questioning/Presenting ideas
P.E	Fitness – Multiskills/Dance and Gymnastics
English	Using the four different sentence types (statements, questions, exclamations and commands), possessive apostrophes, past and present tense and building writing stamina.
Handwriting	Continue to practise adding lead-ins and lead-outs to letters to ensure letters start and finish in the correct place ready for joined up writing.
Maths	Multiplication and division

Homework

We ask for the children to read to an adult **at least three times a week** at home and more often where possible. Reading regularly at home has a significant impact on reading fluency, comprehension and confidence in the classroom and it is a fundamental requirement for your child's continued academic development.

We also ask for the children to go on Numbots for **at least 10 minutes each week** to develop your child's number fluency. Regular practice at home helps strengthen key skills, builds confidence with numbers, and reinforces learning from the classroom.

We greatly value your cooperation in supporting your child's progress in both reading and Maths.

Library

The children will continue to have a weekly visit to the school library, on Thursdays, to select a book to bring home. Please make sure that your child returns their library book every week so that they can be issued with a new one. Our system will not issue a new book to your child without the previous one being returned.



P.E.

PE will now be taught on Mondays and Fridays this term and will be both indoors and outdoors. Please ensure your child has their correct PE kit on these days; black joggers/shorts, trainers, white T-shirt and red school jumper. PE kits can continue to be kept at school. Any earrings must be taped (you can do this at home or send your child to school with tape to do it themselves).

Things from home

We appreciate that children often enjoy bringing items to school to share with their peers at the end of the day. To ensure this is a positive experience for everyone, we ask that any items brought in are either related to our school learning or represent an achievement outside of school. This helps us maintain a focus on learning while celebrating your child's accomplishments.

Additionally, please ensure that all personal belongings—including uniform, water bottles, wellies, hats, gloves, and any other items—are clearly named. This helps us return belongings to their rightful owners. Unfortunately, we cannot take responsibility for items that are lost or misplaced if they are not labelled.

Thank you for your support in helping us create an organised environment for all our children.

Morning routines

To reduce congestion at the classroom door, we kindly ask that Year 2 pupils carry their own bags towards the classroom, rather than returning to parents or having bags passed over at the door. This will support a smoother start to the day and encourage children's independence.

Please also ensure your child is at the classroom door on time, at 8.45am. Many learning activities and groups are scheduled to take place early in the day, some during and after registration time. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Uniform

To help maintain focus and reduce distraction in the classroom, we ask that long hair is tied up during the school day, using school-coloured hair accessories where possible. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm and purposeful learning environment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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