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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
Maths	Place value/Addition and Subtraction
English	Writing narratives and types of sentences (statements, questions, exclamations and commands)
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	Hands, Feet, Heart/Ho Ho
Computing	Creating Pictures/Online Safety and Spreadsheets
P.E	Netball/Fitness and team building games

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!

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

Every Thursday the children will have a visit to the school library to select a book to bring home. 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 to complete 10 minutes of Numbots each week (username and password is attached to the front cover of your child's reading record) and regular reading with an adult at home.

P.E.

In Year 2, PE will be taught on Mondays and Thursdays and will be indoors and outdoors. Children can come to school in their P.E. kit on those days and wear it all day. They also need to wear their school jumper. They can bring an extra jumper to wear if it's cold/wet. If your child wears ear-rings please ensure you provide tape to cover their ear-rings for safety during P.E.

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.

School Uniform Policy

Please remember that if your child has long hair it all needs to be tied up with school colour hairbands. Hair and hair accessories can be a distraction to their learning.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Alcock and Mrs Hawkins

Year 2 Teaching Team