



## Term 1 Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer! This term, we are learning about The Great Fire of London in History.



We will have a “Welcome to Year 2” meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 3.30-4.00pm. Y2 pupils can go to the YR classroom during the meeting and be kindly supervised by Mrs Alexander.

Your child might choose to now bring an **A4 size rucksack to school instead of a bookbag**. Many prefer it as they can carry more things e.g. jumpers, coats, lunches, reading books much more easily and our cloakroom is much smaller than Year 1. They are also very useful for school trips.



We will continue to provide pencils at school so they do not need pencil cases. Please **name everything** and a **lightweight waterproof pack-a-mac** is handy to keep in their PE Kits in case of emergencies.



We love “**show and tell**” in Year 2 any day of the week but only if it is **linked to our learning**. I encourage children to find out more at home. We do not want toys in school as they might get lost or broken.



### **Our curriculum this term:**

English – instructions, stories, diary entries

Maths – place value and number, addition and subtraction

Science – materials and their properties

History – The Great Fire of London

Art – drawing scenes from the Great Fire of London

DT – Food technology – design and make bread

PSHE – Being me in my world

RE – What is it like to be part of the Muslim community in the UK and beyond?

Computing – e-Safety, information technology around us

Music – Listening and joining in

PE – Fundamental skills and dance



PE lessons will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please **name all items** of clothing and shoes.

### **Pick up and drop off**

Year 2's day will begin at 8:40am and finishes at 3:15pm. The children must be picked up and dropped off promptly at the Year 2 glass doors in the hall. Whilst I get to know new faces, please give me a wave at home time when it is your child's turn. Please remember that if a different adult is collecting your child, you must make the school office aware.



## Reading Homework



- x 4 times a week minimum
- write in their diary to record what they've read (diaries and books in school everyday)
- use Oxford Reading Buddy online too (log ins are in reading diaries)
- children can choose Y2 Shared Reading books which aren't decodable
- library books changed on Thursdays (please keep safe at home and return weekly)
- reading books changed on Fridays and we count up and celebrate!

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
50 reads	100 reads	150 reads	200 reads

## Reading for fluency and comprehension

Each read moves through the stages of blending until fluency when the children can then add in expression and they can then understand what they have read.

**First read** – the child is mainly going to decode a lot aloud, at this read they will not necessarily be able to understand the story as their brain power is going on identifying the sounds and blending them together to read words.

**Second read** – the child is encouraged that if they need to decode (blend sounds together to make a word) then to do it in their head so they don't keep decoding aloud. This helps their reading fluency.

**Third read** – the child can now read with more fluency as their brain power is not going on just decoding the words as they have had practice with that.



## Maths Homework

Playing on **Numbots** is helpful to keep practicing maths skills. Logins will be in reading diaries. Certificates will be monitored and celebrated weekly.



## Spelling Homework

Spellings will be sent home on Mondays and will be tested on a Friday. Each day, your child can do "little and often" practice at home on the sheet. Return practice sheets on a Friday to earn a housepoint.

## Knowledge Organisers

I have attached a copy of the history and science knowledge organisers for this term showing key information your child needs to know by the end of term. Quiz them at home!



## Healthy Snacks

Children are still entitled to free **fruit** for snack at break or can bring a healthy snack from home.

**Milk** is ordered online with CoolMilk. Dinner registers are taken each morning-please **check the menu** at home so your child knows what to order each day. I send a paper copy home for you.

The [Year 2 school webpage](#) has lots more information about the year ahead with photos updated every few days.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Proctor

Year 2 Class Teacher