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Year 2 – Autumn Term 2 Letter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we have already completed our first term of learning, ready to begin Term 2. I hope your child is able to share their learning on The Great Fire of London with you. They are very knowledgeable about the reasons why it started, what happened and the consequences of the fire too. Please look at our Year 2 webpage for photos.

This term, I have planned lots of exciting learning for our enquiry project **"Why don't penguins need to fly?"** In this Geography-led theme, we will look at atlases and maps to locate the polar regions then focusing on Antarctica. Children will learn about the climate, find out about polar animals to create e-books and will build up to making a quiz on Antarctica as a final project. By the end of Year 2, pupils need to know the 7 continents and 5 oceans so we will recap this from Year 1 learning. This is something you could practise at home. Our science work will link nicely to this as we look at "living things and their habitats" exploring adaptation. Knowledge organisers for Science and Geography are attached to use at home for retrieval practice. This term, PE lessons will be Tuesdays and Thursdays as we have a Cricket coach booked but we expect to have PE Kits in school each day anyway.

Areas of learning for Term 2:
English – short story, poetry, non-chronological report
Maths – addition and subtraction, geometry
Science – living things and their habitats
Geography – polar regions
Art – polar themed art
PSHE – celebrating difference with anti-bullying week
RE – what is it like to be brought up in a Jewish home in the UK today?
Computing – e-Books, digital photography, e-Safety
Music – "Ho, Ho. Ho!" song to appraise, learn and perform
PE – cricket and fitness

We have finished these class books we used for whole class reading in Term 1: "Hotel Flamingo", "Toby and The Great Fire," "Vlad and the Great Fire of London" and "The Twits." We will start this term by reading "The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark" by Jill Tomlinson.

Remember these items everyday:
Water bottle Hooded waterproof coat Reading books and reading diaries PE Kits Hat and gloves

Homework
- Reading remains a priority in Year 2 with children being listened to at least 4 times a week. Please record each time your child is listened to. I recommend logging into Oxford Reading Buddy as it is matched to your child's level.
- NumBots/TTRS is available for your child to access for Maths Homework. Their username/pin is inside their reading diary. I log in to check who has been accessing it at home on a Thursday.
- Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly.

Please check you have given permission for our Cinema Trip on Tues 17th November coming up in week 3.
Thank you for your support.

Mrs J Proctor Year 2 Class Teacher