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Welcome to Year 2

I hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to all the things we have planned this year. The children have settled in very well and are working hard already.

Our Topics



This term our theme is history- based; we will be studying **The Great Fire of London**. We will be learning skills of chronology and placing events on a time line, looking at how the past is represented, examining artefacts and asking and answering questions about the past.

Then the children will use these skills to create a project on other major historical events such as bonfire night and the gunpowder plot.



Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; focusing on understanding and applying place value and developing subtraction and addition skills.

In English, we will be starting the year with the animation of 'The Way Back Home' (based on the Oliver Jeffers book) and writing creatively, describing settings and characters then planning and writing a new story based on the theme. <http://www.literacyshed.com/thewaybackhome.html>

Homework Children will continue to receive weekly homework in Year 2. This will be set on a Wednesday and may consist of a piece of GPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling), English or maths activity.

We will also be using 'Mathletics' for additional online maths work. We will reissue children's passwords early next week. If you are having problems with the online homework, please let us know. All homework should be completed by the following Tuesday in preparation for weekly spelling and mental maths tests.



Please help your child to be prepared and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary in school every Tuesday.

Children should be reading at least three times a week at home, but where possible encourage your child to read daily, even if it is just 5 minutes squeezed in. It doesn't have to be their book from school, it could be a magazine, comic, annual or anything else they enjoy. We have new reading diaries where you can comment on your child's reading at home and they can keep track of the books they have read. There is also a useful section on common words to read and spell. Reading books will be changed on Tuesdays.



Swimming & PE – Just a reminder that Lisbon and Athens have swimming on Friday and outdoor PE on Thursday. They should have trunks or a one-piece costume for swimming and blue/black shorts and a white t-shirt for PE. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. It is suggested that children with earrings leave them out for that day and tie long hair back.

Water bottles – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

Class Dojo

As part of the school's Behaviour Policy we are really excited to be continuing with Class Dojo. It proved really popular with the children last year and was a brilliant way to share success in school with people at home. By connecting with Class Dojo you will be able to see when your child has received a Dojo, as well as keep up to date with events in class through Our Class Story.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 2 Team