

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class Two. We hope you all had a really good summer.

In Year Two the children will continue to follow a topic-based curriculum. This term our topic will be London. We will be finding out all about our capital city and learning about some of the events that have shaped it over the course of time, particularly the Great Fire of London. Our English work will involve reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including reports and leaflets about London, picture books with a London theme or setting, stories such as Paddington Bear, and poems. These texts will also provide inspiration for our writing.

Most curriculum subjects will be covered within topic sessions, with the exception of Maths, and some of the PE, RE and Music.

We will put a copy of our topic web and timetable on the class blog at the start of each new topic so you can find out more about what your child will be learning.

Reading and Phonics

The teaching of reading is a combined effort between child, teacher, parents and TAs. All children participate in guided reading sessions each week and it is hoped that they will be heard individually at least once a week either by a teacher, TA or by our valued parent helpers.

Book change will take place on a Thursday or Friday. The children will be given several books each week - please let us know if you need more.

Phonics/spelling

The children will continue to have discrete spelling and phonics sessions in class. We will be sending home a list of common exception words (common words that can be tricky to spell) in book bags soon. We would appreciate it if you could help your child practise spelling these words at home, particularly when they are completing homework tasks. More information about homework will follow shortly.

Maths

In Maths we will be using lots of apparatus to learn in a practical way. We will also learn how to show our working out using pictorial representations, such as the bar model and the part whole model. The objectives we will be focussing on are:

- *Use place value and number facts to solve problems
- *Compare and order numbers from 0-100; use < > and =
- *Solve problems with addition and subtraction involving numbers, quantities and measures.
- *Apply knowledge of mental and written methods when solving addition and subtraction problems.
- *Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 100.
- * Recognise and use inverse operations to check calculations

Science

In science we will be investigating different materials, looking in particular at what houses were made from, both before and after The Great Fire of London. We will also be looking at reversible and irreversible changes that occur when different materials are heated or cooled.

P.E

In term 1, both our P.E lessons are timetabled for Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has their full P.E kit in school for the whole week as occasionally the timetable may need to change.

Please ensure **ALL** items of school clothing and P.E kit are labelled as this reduces the anxiety the children experience when they mislay a shirt or pair of shorts. P.E sessions may take place outside so your child will require dark coloured tracksuit bottoms/leggings and plimsolls or trainers.

If you are able to spare any time, we are always very grateful for any parent help in the classroom so please do let us know. Finally, if you would like to discuss anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

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