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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 2! I am extremely excited to be working with your children and alongside you as parents/carers. I look forward to the topics in which we have planned for the coming year and have some fun and exciting things in the pipe line. Please feel free to come in for a chat about your child, the year 2 door is always open. I look forward to meeting you all. Here's what we have lined up for the coming term.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME** – *London's Burning*

The main focus for the learning during this term will be:

- Writing a diary entry
- Investigate building materials at the time of the Great Fire of London
- Create an animation of the Great Fire of London
- Produce a report/news article
- Create a piece of art using different materials.

**Key vocabulary for this term:** London, 1666, fire, Samuel Pepys, bakery, Pudding Lane, Monument, St Paul's Cathedral.

### **ENGLISH**

The children are taught English through either Literacy and Language or Read, Write Inc phonics. The Literacy and Language unit this term focuses on Stories with familiar settings and a suggested reading list can be found below:

Peter's Chair- Ezra Jack Keats  
Willy the Wimp- Anthony Browne  
Alfie and the Big Boys- Shirley Hughes  
The Works- Every kind of poem you will ever need at school- Paul Cookson

### **READING**

Each week, your child will be given a reading book which they can share with you at home. If your child is a free reader, they will choose 1 book from a selection. If your child currently learns in a Read Write Inc group, they will receive 2 books (1 they have previously read and enjoyed, and 1 entirely new to them). These will be changed weekly, and we would suggest bringing books in every day. Year 2 also have the opportunity to visit the library once a week, and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. They will bring home 1 library book, and these will also be changed weekly.

### **MATHS**

This term, the children will be focussing on the following:

- Counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's
- Read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and words
- Place value
- Number problems and number facts

The children will continue to use mathematical vocabulary throughout the term such as more, less, tens, ones and they will explore this through practical learning and through real life context.

### **HOME LEARNING**

Home learning in year 2 will consist of a weekly piece of both English and Maths skills. These will be given to the children on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

The children are also invited to complete a half termly home learning project, however this is not compulsory. The theme is *London's Burning*. You will receive a Pow Project sheet in the first week of term with details of ideas for your child's projects. It is suggested that the children can choose project ideas that total 5 Pow points.



## **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT**

Towards the end of term, at **2.30pm** on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015**, we would like to invite you to come into our class and view all of the fabulous art work that we have created to do with the Great Fire of London. All welcome, from siblings to grandparents. We will send a letter nearer the time to give you further information.

## **PE**

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week, outdoor PE is weather dependent at this time of year. Indoor PE session will be every Wednesday. We ask that the children bring in their complete kit (including plimsolls/trainers) on a Monday, and leave this at school until Friday. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (**by the child**) or covered with a plaster (**which must be supplied from home**).

Your child will require the following PE kit (**Clearly named**):

- Plain White t shirt
- Black/Grey shorts
- Tracksuit for outdoor PE
- Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers

## **HOT SCHOOL MEALS**

This year, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Your child can have a hot meal option or 'funky five' packed lunch style meal. These do not need to be booked in advance.

Miss Johnson  
Class Teacher

Mrs Fox  
Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Thornburn  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Fenwick  
Teaching Assistant

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