



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a great half term holiday. This half term is going to be very busy. We will be starting our new topic 'The Great Fire of London' and also rehearsing for the Key Stage One Christmas Show. Please see the attached curriculum wheel for information about what the children will be learning this term.

Reading

In Year 2, children will read once a week during a planned guided reading lesson with me. All children have a special reading day each week when this takes place for them and it is essential that they have their Reading Journal with them on their reading day. Please see the letter inside the front cover of your child's Reading Journal as this will tell you which day is your child's reading day. Reading will also take place daily as a class and children will also have the opportunity to read with other adults at school. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis at home and record this in their Reading Journals. If your child has read both books and completed homework on both books in their Reading Journal before their reading day and would like a new book to read they should place their Reading Journal in the red basket in class.



P.E

P.E will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school. If P.E. kit could be in school on Monday each week that would be great. Children will all bring their P.E. kit home on Wednesday after P.E. so that it can be washed. Please label ALL P.E. items so that lost items can be found easily. I have also noticed that some children take a long time to get changed and find it difficult to dress themselves. Please support your child to get dressed independently at home and begin to teach them how to tie shoe laces if this is something they find tricky.



Home Learning

Each half term, the children are encouraged to complete a topic based project. This homework gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when working on their project. There are several projects you could complete with your child this term:

1. We will be looking at Samuel Pepys and the diary he wrote. Please encourage your child to keep a diary for a week.
2. The fire started in a bakery in Pudding lane. Please make bread or buns at home and write an explanation describing how they were made. It would be lovely to have some labelled photographs and diagrams within the explanation.
3. The Monument in London marks the place where the fire started. Visit the monument at the weekend and write about what you found out.

I look forward to seeing all the incredible projects and would like them to be completed and in school on **Monday 17th December.**

Maths Scrap Books

Your child will continue to bring a Family Maths Scrapbook home and this should be completed as a family at home with the child. Please could children bring their Maths Scrap Books to school on **Wednesdays** so that I can see the maths that they are completing at home and award stickers.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Jumpers should be either purchased from the school office or plain grey with no hoods. Shoes should be dark and smart. Earrings should be small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss. It is very difficult to find lost items if they are not labelled.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 30th October – Bonfire Event 5:30pm

Friday 9th November – Get Kennington Buzzing 3:30 - 5pm

Thursday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Show 10am and 2pm

Friday 14th December – School Christmas Fair 3:30 – 5:30pm

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 20th December – Y2 Christmas Party

Unfortunately, it has been very difficult to book trips this term. I have booked for the children to go to The Science Museum later in the academic year and have bookings waiting to be confirmed at Tate Britain and Brockwell Park Greenhouses. I am also researching additional trip venues for Year Two.

I look forward to working in partnership with you. Year Two have had a fantastic start to Year Two and I am very proud of their achievements. They are an energetic class with a thirst for learning and I enjoy teaching them.

**Kind regards,
Alice David-Jekyll**