

Dear Parents and Children,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all to Year 2! We hope you had a lovely summer break and the children are excited about being back at school. The whole of the Year 2 team are very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming year.

Our topic this term will be 'Light and Fire'. The children will be exploring light, shadows and electricity in Science. Before half term we will be making our own vehicles in Design and Technology and after half term we will be investigating how different artists use colour in Art. Please see the attached Curriculum Topic Web where it will give you details of the topics covered in the different subjects. If you or anyone you know would be able to enrich our topics in any way this term, we would be very grateful.

Active and outdoor learning - PE will normally take place on Tuesdays and Fridays and lessons will take place outside as much as possible. On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. As the weather cools, this should be tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers. Plimssoles are optional for indoor PE, children can be in bare feet if preferred. For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back, jewellery should not be worn and earrings must be removed. Please ensure your child has a jumper without a hood to wear. In addition to our timetabled PE lessons, Year 2 will take regular breaks for physical activity and enjoy other active lessons. We will endeavour to complete a 'Daily Mile' or 'Daily Skip' as a class most days. Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled.

Reading - In Year 2, reading remains an important part of your child's learning. Children will bring home a book of their choice to share with you on a **Monday**. We would encourage you to read this book together for at least 10 minutes every day. On a **Thursday**, your child will also bring home a phonics book (or alternative if appropriate). Much like last year, this book will be familiar to them as they will already have read it several times in school during the week to develop their reading skills and build fluency. We hope you continue to enjoy celebrating your child's progress with reading. Occasionally, your child may bring home a phonics book that they have previously read during Year 1. Please do not be concerned if this happens, reading books are carefully selected to match your child's developing phonic knowledge so it may be necessary to return to previously read texts to target particular GPCs or build fluency. The orange communication book provides you with the opportunity to share how your child has got on with their phonics book. If you wish, you may also add comments to this book about the other book you have shared together during the week.

Homework - In addition to reading, the children will get weekly homework set on a Friday and due in the following Friday. This will normally be maths based but this might change if there is a theme week. The homework set is designed to consolidate areas of learning we have covered in class and should take 15-20 minutes. If your child needs additional support with an activity or was unable to complete it in the time allocated, please note this down alongside the work in their Homework Folder as it is really useful for us to know what they have felt confident with and what they have found challenging. Please could all homework be completed in pencil. We will also share the weekly spellings we will be covering in class so they can be practised at home.

Key Information

Staffing	Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon- Mrs Lincoln Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday- Mrs Gent
'Meet the Teacher' Evening	Wednesday 10 th September at 3.30-4pm in Class 2
Reading Books	Monday- Book chosen from the Class Library

	Thursday- Little Wandle Book to read and return on Monday
Homework	Set on a Friday and to be returned the following Friday
PE	Tuesday and Friday
Collective Worship	Friday 17 th October
Harvest Festival	Friday 24 th October

We look forward to a busy but enjoyable term ahead and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gent, Mrs Lincoln and the Year 2 team