

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.

P.E./Games

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Tuesday and Friday this term so children should come to school in their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery and watches/fitbits should not be worn. In line with Essex Health and Safety guidelines, earrings must be removed. If a child is unable to remove their earrings, we must have your written consent that school is not liable for any incidents relating to wearing this item of jewellery. Should your child be unable to take part in P.E. due to injury, please inform us in writing. Navy blue skins or tracksuit bottoms may be worn as required during colder weeks. However, no hooded tops can be worn. When PE is taught inside, children should wear clean trainers, plimsols or bare feet.

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 or any other reading your child has done at home.

Homework - In addition to reading, the children will get weekly homework set on a **Friday** which is 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. These will be tested in school on a **Friday**.

Key Information

Staffing	Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon- Mrs Lincoln Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday- Mrs Gent Support staff: Miss Hitchings and Mrs Mosely
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 Spellings- set on a Friday and tested the following Friday
PE	Tuesday and Friday
Collective Worship	Friday 16 th October
Harvest Festival	Thursday 22 nd October - 9.30

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 and Mrs Lincoln