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Learning together. Achieving together

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Dear Parents and children,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for the new school year. I am looking forward to working together, learning lots of exciting things and having fun along the way. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the different and exciting things we will be doing during our first term. As well as a few other general notices.

Our learning this half term:

History	The Great Fire of London- children will study the Great Fire of London, exploring its causes, consequences, and the impact it had on the development of the city. They will learn about the fire and Chester.
Science	Uses of everyday materials- Children learn to identify and compare materials based on their uses and explore how the shape of solid objects can change through squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching.
English	In English this half term, we will be looking at the poem London's burning and writing our own version. We will also be writing a diary recount and looking at the non-fiction book 'Fire of London'.
Maths	This half term in our maths lessons we will start by looking at numbers to 100 and then move onto addition and subtraction.
PE	For PE we will be doing Dance- The Great Fire of London and Invasion games.
RE	Our unit area for RE this half term is Judaism. We will focus on what Jews believe about God and how Jews show faith through practices and celebrations.
Computing	In computing we will be doing some simple photoshopping. The children will know how to edit a photo with simple tools, know how to begin to cut out an image to layer on another image and know how to cut images with accuracy to layer on other images.
PSHE	Our unit for PSHE this half term is Who is special to us. The children will be able to explain who the special people in their lives are, talk about the importance of families, describe what makes someone a good friend, know how to resolve an argument in a positive way, know the skills involved in successful cooperation, identify a way to show others that they care.

Music	For Music this half term we will be learning songs related to The Great Fire of London. We will explore percussion, use different instruments and create scenes through drama.
Art	In Art this half term we will be doing some painting related to The Great Fire of London. We will Mix secondary colours accurately, predict outcomes of colour mixing, mix brown from primary colours and Create tints by adding white and tones by adding black.

Our in class support this year is Mrs Trafford on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Mrs Mellors each morning. Mrs Shone and Mrs Hosker will be teaching the class on Tuesday morning. PE takes place on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Homework (Maths, English, spelling) will be set on Seesaw on Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Homework should be completed by children independently wherever possible.

In Year 2, children are expected to read regularly - 10 minutes each evening is ideal.

This week your child will choose a reading book for pleasure to bring home. We will be sending home reading books as initial assessments are made. Assessed reading books sent home are for children to read independently and should be read with 95% accuracy. Children will bring one book home each week and will change them on their reading days. I will let the children know their reading days this week. Please log reading on the app.

Please do not hesitate to contact me throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns. If you have a question or your child is worried about something, it is best to let us know and we can work together to ensure the best outcomes.

Kind regards,
Miss Duerden
Year 2 class teacher