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Dear Parents and Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

In Year Two, our first learning journey is **Fire!** The children will be learning all about the Great Fire of London, how it spread from a bakery in Pudding Lane and how Samuel Pepys kept his diary of events of the devastation of our capital city in 1666. In English, we will become a diary writer like Samuel Pepys, creating eyewitness accounts of the Great Fire. In DT, we will be constructing replica houses from the time, so that we can set fire to them and see the effect of wind and flames on flammable building materials, just as it occurred in the Great Fire of London.



In Maths, we will focus upon the importance of understanding number and place value before applying our skills in addition and subtraction. In Science, we are exploring changing materials, which will come in very handy in our Design and Technology, when we construct the model houses. In PSHE we will be discussing new beginnings as well as the environment. Computing will see us discuss the importance of E-safety as we recognise the use of ICT outside of school. In RE the children will be finding out about Judaism and the festival of Sukkot.

PE sessions: On Tuesday morning we will have yoga with our yoga specialist and on Thursday afternoon we will have athletics on the field. **Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those relevant days and remind your children to take their kits home when suitable for washing.** If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on PE days or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE.

Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of spellings, Maths and a writing or research homework and will be set in homework books.



**Please can I encourage you to listen to your child read every day.** This tiny act will have the greatest impact of any activity on their learning this year. New reading records will be available soon for you to note down when you listened to your child read.

**Please can I also encourage handwriting practice at home.** This will help your child progress towards the Year 2 expected standard of handwriting. Please see me for supportive sheets/advice.

Please note there will be a **'Welcome to Year Two'** presentation for parents and pupils on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September** at 3.45pm, all welcome! If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Patience  
Year Two Class Teacher