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Year 2 – Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to spring term in Year 2. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break with your families. We would like to say thank you for the kind cards and gifts that we received for Christmas.

Reading will continue to be a focus this term. Please ensure that you are sharing texts at home with your child. Please mark in your child's reading record when a book has been completed and the days which you have read with your child. Your comments and observations in this record diary are valuable and helpful for us in supporting your child's reading development. The home readers should be brought in daily so that we can read with your child and change books. We will check reading records every Friday to ensure the weekly target of reading three times a week at home has been met.

Our **English** sessions are based on our topic for the half term. For the first part of the term, we will be looking at the text 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' followed by 'Major and Mynah'. We will be exploring a range of genres and looking to build up the children's stamina in writing. With the children's writing we are looking for them to apply taught phonic knowledge and taught spelling patterns. The children will be looking to ensure sentences are correctly punctuated with capital letters and a full stop using our visual making tool to check this independently. Over the term we will be developing the quality of sentences using conjunctions and adjectives. We will also look to develop children's grammar skills through discrete SPAG lessons every week.

In **Maths** this term, our focus will start with money moving towards work on multiplication and division. We will be delivering our Maths through the Power Maths scheme, which focuses on problem solving and reasoning and we will be using Fluency Bee alongside the scheme to build children's knowledge and confidence in arithmetic. Arithmetic skills will be developed each week in a discrete arithmetic lesson. It is imperative children learn and rehearse number facts and number bonds at home through games and reciting facts.

We have two new **topics** for this term. They will form the basis for our learning in History, Geography, Art and D & T.

In the first half term our topic will be called '**Bright Lights, Big City**'. We will be learning about the Great Fire of London and the key facts about this. We will explore how times have changed from 1666 to today in London. In DT we will make moving pictures exploring different techniques. In **Science**, we will be learning about 'Animals including humans' which will involve learning about lifecycles.

To end our learning in this topic we will be putting on a drama performance about the Great Fire of London. More information about the date of this will follow next week.

In the second half term our topic will be '**Towers, Tunnels and Turrets**'. We will have a focus on castles through the ages with a particular interest in Warwick Castle. We will look at the structure and make up of a castle and have a go at making a castle with a drawbridge. In **Science**, we will look at conducting different science experiments focusing on what working scientifically means.



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For **Computing** we will be using Purple Mash to learn how to create pictures, answer questions and present ideas. We will continue to build on our knowledge of keeping ourselves safe online.

Our **PE** focus will be dance this half term. After half term, we will be developing ball skills (throwing, catching, kicking). **PE will be on a Wednesday.** Children should attend school in their PE kits on this day. Can we remind parents that the PE kit should be dark tracksuit trousers, leggings or shorts, dark hoodie, white t-shirt and suitable trainers. Long hair should be tied up and jewelry should be removed, including earrings. No football kits should be worn for PE in school. If your child is attending a football club after school you may pack one in their bag for them to change into at the end of the school day.

Home Learning will consist of reading at home, spellings and arithmetic for maths. We will be sending home the spellings on look, cover, write, check sheets which need returning to school for a Friday. Weekly spelling tests will take place on a Friday. Arithmetic practice will come home on a Friday and should be returned to school for the following Friday.

If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss with us, please let us know on the door or you can email us directly on our class emails.

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We thank you for all your cooperation and look forward to a successful term ahead of us.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Maisey and Mr. Paterson