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Head Teacher: Mr Chris Hansen

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year, all the teaching staff are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this year and I am confident that they will make excellent progress with us.

Please find below, a summary of the learning **Year 2** will be covering this term.

If your child does anything at home that supports their topic, please send it in as it's always lovely to celebrate children's enthusiasm for learning!

Autumn Term Topics	
Maths	Place value of digits in a two digit number. Adding and subtracting single digit and two digit numbers. Addition and subtraction facts to 20. Including using concrete objects, pictorial representations and calculating mentally. Recall and use multiplication facts using times tables (2, 5 and 10). Recognising Fractions of shapes and amounts. Identify and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
English	In English we will be working on presentation and handwriting. Using adjectives consistently throughout our work and learning our weekly spellings in order to apply them correctly in our writing. We will be sharing a variety of texts in English lessons and reading 1:1 with an adult at school.
Science	Animals including humans. Living things and their habitats.
History	The past, people and events. Including investigating William Shakespeare, the Great Fire of London and Remembrance Day.
Computing	Programming on screen including exploring how computer games work and writing simple programmes.
DT and Art	We will be developing our skills of measuring, cutting and designing using a range of materials. Including making models using natural materials for science and using pastels and collage to represent colour and shape to support art in our Great Fire of London topic.
PSHE	Jigsaw scheme: Healthy Lifestyles.
RE	Christianity – our theme is 'What did Jesus teach?', as part of this topic we will be covering Christian values and celebrations.
PE	2G - Gym: creating a routing using balance / Games: Netball. 2M – Games: Netball / Gym: creating a routine using balance.

Class Additional Information	
Routines	The bell rings at 9.00am, at this time the children line up in their classes and will be taken into school by their teacher. Please could I ask you to pass over book bags and P.E kits to the children before they line up as this makes the task of lining up much more straightforward. Please also allow plenty of space for the children to walk into school.
PE kit	Please make sure that your child has their full P.E kit in school every day, this includes black/navy shorts, T-shirt in house colours and pumps or trainers. Set P.E days are as follows: 2SB - Tuesday 2SG - Wednesday
Outdoor learning	Outdoor learning events are linked to our science topics, a text will be sent out for specific requirements as relevant.
Homework	
Reading	Reading is the greatest learning gift we can give to our children, your child's ability to read and understand a range of texts will make a significant impact on all areas of their learning across the curriculum. Please take the time to read daily with your child. Your child's reading record will be checked every day, they will be able to change their book each day if they have completed it, although as they progress through the reading scheme it is normal for a book to take two or three nights to complete. We expect the children to read each school night.
Spelling	All children will receive spellings on a Thursday, with the test the following Thursday.
Maths	Maths homework is sent home on a Monday and should be completed and returned to school on Wednesday of the same week. In Year 2 the children will be learning their 2,5,10 and 3 times tables – any home support given on learning their times tables will help your child greatly in all areas of their maths.
English	English homework is sent home on a Wednesday and should be completed and returned to school on Friday of the same week. Please feel free to support your child with their homework if needed and write a note to let us know any issues.
Special Events	
13 th September: Parents Meeting – 6 to 7pm. Meet the Year 2 teachers and find out about life in Year 2.	
Tuesday 10 th October: Year 2 Trip to Cheltenham Book Festival.	
Tuesday 7 th November: School photos	
Tuesday 12 th December. KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm	

If you are able to find the time to come into read with our Year 2 children we would really appreciate your support. Please contact Mrs Green if you are interested.

*Yours sincerely,
Sarah Green and Seamus Bradford - Class teachers*