Year 2

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Yellowhammers and Canaries News

Welcome Back!

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Year 2. We have enjoyed getting to know all of the children and families working with us this year and are excited for another half term with lots of great learning opportunities.

This half term we will be continuing to explore the Great Fire of London and will be developing our understanding of what happened and the changes that were made because of the fire. We will also have an exciting visit from Trunk Theatre to help us bring our learning about the Great Fire of London to life.

There will also be lots of other exciting opportunities as we have our Christingle Pause day and our KS1 Christmas Concert. Remember to look out for key dates in the newsletter and on Seesaw.

As usual please feel free to come to our door if you ever have any queries or alternatively you can set up a parent meeting with the school office.

Owl Learning Values

Challenge
Collaboration
Independence
Managing Distractions
Optimism
Pride
Perseverance



Rainbow Values

Forgiveness
Patience
Support
Kindness & Joy
Love
Honesty
Respect
Peace



Reminders

- P.E days will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in their school P.E kits and sensible footwear on these days.

- Reading books will be changed on a **Monday** every week. Please try to make sure that children's books and reading diaries are in each day though as we will read with them throughout the week too.

- We will visit the school library every **Monday** so please ensure that children have their book so that the can choose a new one.

- Homework will be sent home each **Friday** at the end of the school day via Seesaw. Activities will alternate between Maths and Literacy to support children's learning at school. If you have any problems accessing Seesaw please let us know and we will do our best to help.

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	Numeracy	Literacy
Week 1	Addition and Subtraction	The Polar Express- Adventure Story
Week 2	Addition and Subtraction	The Polar Express- Adventure Story
Week 3	Addition and Subtraction	The Polar Express- Adventure Story
Week 4	Addition and Subtraction	Non-Chronological Reports- Arctic Animals
Week 5	Shape	Non-Chronological Reports- Arctic Animals
Week 6	Shape	Non-Chronological Reports- Arctic Animals
Week 7	Shape	Christmas Poems

Curriculum
Our topic this half term is 'The Great Fire of London'' and our afternoons will be cross curricular covering History, Geography, Science, Art and DT. In R.E will be exploring why Christmas matters to Christians. In PSHE we will be looking at Health and Wellbeing. In Music we will be using Sing Up to explore 'Carnival of the Animals'. In P.E we will be using our Get Set P.E scheme to look at Yoga and Fitness. In Art and DT we will be creating artwork inspired by the Great Fire of London..



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1. **Reading at home**

Please read at home as much as possible and record this in their reading records! It doesn't have to be for long periods and could be even just 10 minutes. Reading as often as possible will support children in building fluency and developing key comprehension skills. Children must read their school reading books at least 3 times a week for it to be changed the following week.

2. **Asking questions**

You can help children to develop their curiosity, problem solving skills and growth mindset by asking guiding questions at home such as 'What did you try first?' 'What do you think we should try next?' 'What happens when ... ? or 'Who or what could help us figure this out?'. These help to encourage children to be curious with their play, break down the next steps when children have found something challenging and to build resilience.

3. **Writing opportunities— list writing, shopping lists, birthday lists, cards, Christmas cards and letters etc.**

Any practise to orally say their ideas before they write them, apply their phonics/spelling knowledge and practise handwriting help to support children in devoting the key skills needed for writing.

4. **Practising spelling of common exception words for Year 1 and 2**

Children will need to learn a variety of common exception words that do not use phonics or spelling rules. Why not practise a few of these words each week to support children in learning them and applying them to their writing.

5. **Practicing Number bonds to 10 and 20.**

Practising their number bonds to 10 and 20 will help children to confidently recall these and allow them to use known facts to work out addition and subtraction facts for larger numbers.