

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer break and that your child is settling well into Year 2. Please find below some useful information about the new term.

Learning Challenge

We will be focusing on the question 'Why is Britain Great?' Through this history based topic we will explore key events that impacted on the lives of British people at the time. As you can see through our topic web, we have some extremely interesting activities planned in order for your child to explore the impact of The Great Fire of London in 1666. Approaching this major historical event through a multisensory curriculum will enable your child to make links, empathise and develop their ability to question. On the 16th September, our topic will be brought to life when we welcome Sir William Petty into school. We would like to invite you into school on the afternoon of Thursday 17th October to share in a Learning Challenge lesson with your child. This will be a good opportunity to look at your child's books and see them in their learning environment. The session will begin at 1.30 and finish at 3:00, we do hope that you can attend.

A trip to Otley

As a hook for our English writing we will be visiting Otley on 20th September (2LR) and 24th September (2CR). The children will explore the sights and include information in their story about Katie in Otley. We will travel to Otley in our school minibuses.

Homework books

This year your child will be bringing home a homework book. Homework will take the form of weekly spellings, important Maths facts and an activity related to their Learning Challenge or a reading task. Homework will be given out every **Friday** and should be **returned to school fully completed the following Thursday**. Your child will be tested on their spellings every Friday. We do ask that your child completes their homework challenges as independently as possible. However they may initially need some help organising their time and presenting their work in their books.

Year 2 Prefects

We attach a great deal of importance to good behaviour in Key Stage One. We have high expectations of our children and like to reward those that consistently try hard and set themselves high standards. Therefore this year we will be choosing 6 Year 2 children to be Key Stage One prefects. They will stay in role until Christmas when we will then choose 6 more. These children will be role models for all Year One and Two children. They will help set and implement rules, organise activities and be leaders.

PE

Your child will participate in PE lessons twice a week. These will be on a Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon. Your child should have a complete kit which they can keep on their peg. This should consist of black shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps or trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a hoody for outside. **All kit should be named** as your child will be required to take full responsibility for keeping it neat, tidy and organised.

Enrichment Days

During the week beginning 21st of October there will be a careers week. Visitors will talk to the children about their jobs and their journey into the world of work. There will be a wide range of professions for the children to find out about.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. If you wish to speak to Mrs Robinson, Key Stage One Leader, then please make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Robinson and Miss Robinson (Year 2 Teachers)

Co-Headteachers
Mrs B. Medhurst and Mrs F. Meer

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment.