



Welcome to Year 2



Dear Parents, Carers and Year 2 pupils,

Welcome to Year 2! Ms Fowler and Mrs Taylor are very excited for the year ahead and are looking forward to getting to know each of your children individually.

This letter will provide you with some key information about what to expect this term, including information about our upcoming topic, our routines, homework, as well as some key dates.

How has London Changed?

We will kickstart our Autumn term by travelling back in time to 1666 to investigate one of the most famous events in London's history – The Great Fire of London!

Through exciting historical investigations, we will use sources, artefacts and



eyewitness accounts to piece together what happened. We will meet some important historical figures, including Samuel Pepys, King Charles II and Sir Christopher Wren, and discover how the Great Fire changed London. We will also explore how London has changed over time and compare the city then with the London we know today.

In Geography, we will explore London and our local area of Harbury, developing our understanding of where places are and how they are different. We will locate London on a map of the UK and compare its size with Harbury before investigating human and physical geographical features in both locations. The children will develop their map-reading skills by locating famous landmarks and will even have the chance to design and create their own maps, using simple symbols and a key.

Our writing this term will be inspired by a fantastic collection of texts, including *The Night Gardener*, *A River*, *Leo and the Octopus* and *The Misadventures of Frederick*. We will use these stories to develop our vocabulary, writing skills and imaginations. We will also explore a range of complementary texts to support and





enrich our learning. A particular favourite will be *The Great Fire of London* by Emma Adams, which will help us bring our History topic to life!

In Maths we will initially be focusing on developing our Place Value skills, as well as addition and subtraction and shape.

Check out the class topic web to find out what we will be focusing on in other subjects!

PE

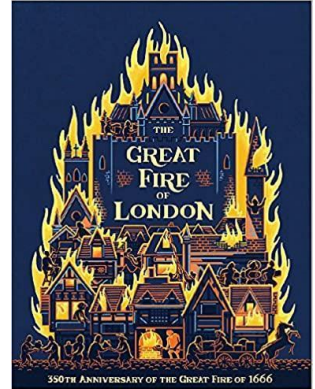
PE lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. In Autumn 1, children will be working on Fundamentals and Gymnastics.

In Autumn 2, the PE days will remain the same. We will be working on Fitness and Team Building.

Please continue to send your child into school in their kit on these days.

The correct kit consists of:

- Red t-shirt
- Black shorts/plain jogging bottoms
- Black pumps/plain trainers
- Plain red or black hoodie



Also- a reminder that we do not allow slogans on your child's clothing. We do also ask that long hair is tied back, and earrings are covered up/taken out please. Many thanks for your understanding with this.

Homework

A Maths **or** English task will be given every week for the first half term. It will then move to a Maths **and** English task set every week. We will provide each child with a homework book for the work to be completed in. Please then send a picture of your child's homework to Class Dojo. Dojo points will be given out for each task completed. Homework will be set every **Wednesday** and will be due in the following **Monday**. Please do ask if you need help in supporting your child with their



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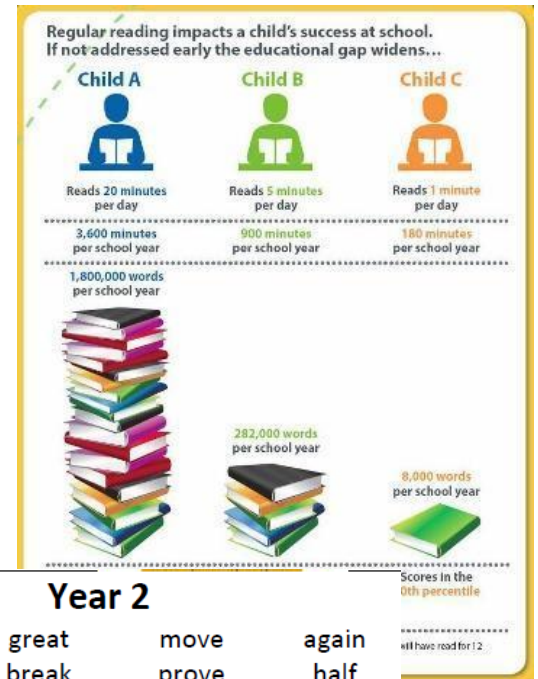
homework. It is important children continue to consolidate the work they have done here at school at home too.

Please also continue to read with your child on a daily basis if possible and fill in your reading record. New



reading records will be provided in the first week. Reading books will be due back in every **Thursday** and will be sent back to you every **Friday**.

Here are also the spellings we expect the children to be secure with by the end of Year 2:



Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	great	move	again
floor	break	prove	half
poor	steak	improve	money
because	pretty	sure	Mr
find	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
kind	after	eye	parents
mind	fast	could	Christmas
behind	last	should	
child	past	would	
children	father	who	
wild	class	whole	
climb	grass	any	
most	pass	many	
only	plant	clothes	
every	bath	busy	
everybody	path	people	
even	hour	water	

Arithmagicians

Learning key multiplication facts is an important part of developing confidence and fluency in Maths. This year, we will be using our new whole-school learning platform, **Arithmagicians**, regularly in class to practise key facts and build instant recall. Arithmagicians will also support our **weekly Maths homework**, with children given a target to work towards each week. This may be completed online or on a paper activity. **Login details will be sent home soon** for you to keep and use at home.

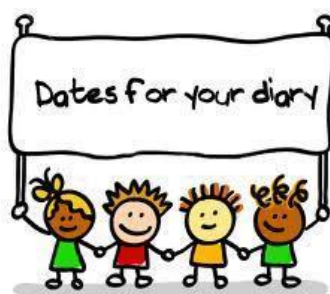


**Routines and expectations**

- Ms Fowler will be in Monday-Wednesday, Mrs Taylor will be teaching Thursdays and Fridays.
- Mrs Rea will teach the children every other Wednesday morning.
- Please ensure children have a named water bottle with them every day.
- If your child has any medical needs (e.g. epipens, inhalers, Piriton), please make sure the school has all in-date medication available.
- **Please send in some spare clothes for your child to wear during OPAL, especially wellies, coats and extra socks.**
- Ensure all clothing is clearly labelled to avoid items going missing.
- ClassDojo will be used regularly for updates.

You might find this table useful to remind you of key things:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Ms Fowler teaching	Ms Fowler teaching	Ms Fowler/Mrs Rea alternate Weds mornings	Mrs Taylor teaching	Mrs Taylor teaching
Homework due in		New homework set	Reading books due in	New reading books sent home
PE			PE	9:00am assembly if your child has been chosen for an award

**Autumn 1:**

Thursday 3rd September- Children return to school

Tuesday 8th September- Open Classroom 'Meet the teacher' presentation

Monday 21st September- International day of Peace

October- Black History Month

Friday 2nd October- Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church 9:30am



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Tuesday 6th October- Individual photographs (come to school in uniform not PE kit)

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October- Parents evening

Thursday 22nd October- Break the rules day. BREAK UP

Friday 23rd October- Staff training day. Children not in school.

Autumn 2:

Monday 2nd November- Children return to school

Wednesday 11th November- Remembrance

Monday 16th-20th November - Anti-bullying week. Odd socks

Friday 27th November- Wreath Making PTA event

Tuesday 1st December- Christmas Play at Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo's Child)

Monday 7th December- Infants' Nativity Dress rehearsal

Tuesday 8th December- Infants' Nativity 1:45pm and 6pm

Monday 14th December- PTA Christmas Raffle Draw

Wednesday 16th December- Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day

Friday 18th December- Christmas service at All Saints' 9:30am

Break up for Christmas

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 team.

Kindest regards,

Ms Fowler (Year 2 class teacher Monday-Wednesday)

Mrs Taylor (Year 2 class teacher Thursdays and Fridays)

Miss Markham (Year 2 TA every morning)

Mrs Hooper (Year 2 TA Mon-Weds afternoons)

Mrs Hunt (Year 2 TA Thurs and Fri afternoons)

Mrs Rea (Year 2 class teacher alternate Weds mornings)