



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our 'Welcome to Year 2' session, giving an outline of some of our learning over this term and how to continue to support your child over the year. Please see below a brief outline of this term's learning!

### **General Overview of the Term's Learning**

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 2:

- **English:** Stories with recurring language – a journey tale and a wishing tale, as well as a non-fiction report unit based upon a text called 'Meet the Bears'. We will read poems and non-fiction related to our learning in History, Science and Geography.
- **Maths:** This term's Maths curriculum will include Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, and Shape.
- **Science:** Pupils will investigate 'Living things and their habitats' and 'Animals including humans'.
- **History/Geography:** Events within living memory – specifically The Great Fire of London and studying the human and physical features of our local area.
- **Art/DT:** 'Explore and Draw' – a unit all about artists as collectors and in DT our topic is 'Baby Bear's Chair.'
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on our topic 'Playing in an Orchestra' from Charanga.
- **PE:** Pupils will take part in outdoor PE units called 'Games for Understanding' and 'Feet 1' and focus on 'Linking' and 'Explorers' units in the hall.
- **Computing:** This term we will learn about Online Safety, ask 'What is a computer?' and 'Algorithms and Debugging'.
- **RE:** Pupils will consider the questions; 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?' and 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'
- **Lifskills:** This term we will think about Keeping and Staying Safe, as well as Keeping and Staying Healthy. This includes topics such as tying shoelaces, healthy eating and brushing teeth.

### **PE Day**

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 2 will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports activities.

### **Home learning**

This year we are focusing on reading as our required priority homework. Therefore, we request that all children read their school reading book every night for about 10-15 minutes and get their reading records signed by a parent/carer/older sibling. Further information on this will be shared at our open afternoon on phonics and reading. We will be sending home log-ins for Maths Whizz for children in Year 2 to continue their maths learning at home. Please note that the spellings and maths home learning will help your child consolidate their in-school learning, however, it is not mandatory.

### **Healthy Snacks and Hydration**

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hannah Eddy and Mrs Sarah Richards

Year 2 Teachers