

Dear parents,

Welcome back after your Summer holidays and into our first term as Year 2, I hope you the children are returning to school relaxed and well rested. We have lots of learning planned for the term, detailed on the Curriculum Overview, linked to the theme of Time Tunnel, 'London's Burning!'. This is a history driven topic so history will underpin and link all areas of the curriculum. We will be having a 'Fire, Fire' wow day where the children will engage in lots of fun activities on that day with a special visitor coming to see the children (details will be confirmed at a later date). We are all very much looking forward to the term ahead, year 2 is an important year and we can't wait to get started. This year the children are very fortunate as we have Miss Rogers with us over the year training to become a Class Teacher. This is an exciting opportunity as the children benefit from having the support of another adult. Mrs Green will be teaching the class on a Tuesday afternoon whilst myself and Miss Rogers undertake PPA time. Mrs Phillis will be the KS1 TA. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to come and speak to a member of the team either on the playground or through the reading records. Thank you, *Class Egypt team*.

Volunteering

Any support is greatly welcomed. Especially first thing in a morning to hear children read. Please speak to a member of the team about these opportunities.

Homework

Daily reading & weekly spellings
Weekly Maths or English/Topic set on a Friday, usually due back the following Thursday.
We appreciate you supporting your child in this vital consolidation work.

Physical Education

Please ensure your child has a **named** full kit in school all week as timetables need to change from time to time. We do have a weekly outdoor P.E slot so please ensure you have warm clothes and trainers in school.

P.E days: Wednesday and Friday

Curriculum Info

In addition to our main topic learning, some subjects need to be taught discretely (not always making direct links to the topic). This term we will also be covering:

Phonics & Reading - taught daily

Maths - Number and calculation

RE: Giving Thanks (including Harvest)

PSHE: Beginning and Belonging

PE & Games: Real P.E and Dance (linked to the Great Fire of London)

Computing - word processing and navigating simple programmes on laptops

Music - Explorina sounds

Reading & Phonics

Daily reading at home and practising high frequency words and phonics is a vital part of homework for KS1 children as they learn to read more fluently. Please try to read **every day** with your child and record this in the Home/School Diary. Children will only change their books if it has been signed. It is good to discuss the meaning of new vocabulary and talk about the illustrations. Asking your child to retell the story or answer questions about what they have read is great for developing comprehension.