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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great summer and that everyone is now feeling refreshed and ready for the start of a new school year! I am really looking forward to all the exciting new learning opportunities in Year 2 this term.

On the reverse of this letter you will find an overview of this term's learning. It would be most helpful if you could share this information with your child.

Our theme this term is called 'Fire and Ice'. The topic explores the Great Fire of London; what London was like before the fire, how the fire started and why it spread so easily. The topic will feature a real fire controlled by Mrs Williams and Mrs Alderman (who is coming in to help) and lots of discussion and art work relating to the topic. Later in the term we will be learning all about 'Where can a compass take us?' Learning where the North and South Poles, the equator and the 7 continents of the World are. Please feel free to send in any information that you have at home on any of this term's areas of work that you are happy for your child to share with the class (History this half term and Geography the next.) Thank you.

**P.E.** will be taught on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has their 'named' P.E. kit in school at all times. The P.E. kit should include a pair of correctly fitting daps.

I am sure that you will continue to support your child's learning by listening to them read as often as possible. Please comment on **ANY** type of reading your child has done at home. This could be books, comics, computers, Maths, even a menu or recipe! I expect the children to read or be read to, at least 3 times a week and Home reading diaries are collected each Monday. It is especially important that you discuss the books with your child to ensure they have a clear understanding of what they have read and become confident when talking about and answering questions on texts read.

I will be assessing your child's reading and comprehension skills over the next couple of weeks to ensure their home readers are at a fluency level. Please could you ensure that any reading books are in school every day.

Homework times as follows:

Subject	Given out	Hand in
Maths	Alternate Fridays	Thursday before new one
Spellings	Tuesday	Mondays
Topic/Science	Occasionally.	

Individual spelling lists will be sent home. When practising the spelling lists it is helpful to put the target words into the context of a sentence. The maths homework will be class related activities that you will be able to extend with your child, often including a game. This will commence next week.

If you have any issues which you feel you need to discuss with me please feel free to pop in and make an appointment. I am looking forward to all our exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Bronwen Williams  
Class Teacher