



Year 2 Letter: Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Summer holiday and feel ready for the new term. As always, the term is packed with many fun and exciting learning opportunities for your children.

This term our topic is: 'Fire and Ice'

We will begin the topic with a History focus learning about the Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys until October half term. The Rainbow Theatre Company visit us on 29th September too and provide the children with a dramatic insight into our topic. We will also have fun creating fire poems and enjoying a visit from the fire service.

For the second half term, we will focus on 'Ice' and will find out about the famous explorer, Matthew Henson. In addition to this, we will also be locating the equator and discussing its impact on weather, alongside comparing Canada and Horsham.

In English, we will begin the term writing some fire poems and then read the story of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope. Following this, we will look at diary entries and newspaper reports which will all relate to our topic of the Great Fire of London. Next, we will enjoy some fantastic ice themed stories including 'The Princess and the White Bear King' to inspire our writing.

In Maths, we will start by focusing on the fundamental concepts of number and place value. We will then begin to learn to recall and use multiplication facts for the 2, 5, and 10 multiplication tables. After, we will progress to addition and subtraction.

Homework

- We will be checking **reading diaries** each time they are handed in so please can you make sure that your child reads daily. Please record this reading each day in their reading diary.
- Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with his/her **reading book and reading diary** every day. We are making sure that we get to read with all children every week. We really appreciate your help with this.
- **Spelling quizzes** will be each Friday with word lists for the half term.
- **Weekly homework** – Homework books will be sent home each Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. They will include some of the maths, phonics, handwriting and grammar learning we are doing in class.

Break time snack - The children are provided with fresh fruit/vegetables each day, but if you'd prefer to send your own snack, please do. Only *plain biscuits, fruit or vegetables* are allowed. Please do not send chocolate or crisps.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle each day, which will be sent home for washing.
Please could all school jumpers be named to prevent any confusion when the children remove this.
Please don't allow you child to bring toys into school.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch via the office if you have any questions about your child's learning or if you have any concerns about your child.

We look forward to working with you this term.

The Year Two team

 Year Two : Dandelion and Clover 	
<u>Start of School Day</u>	8:35-8:50
<u>End of School Day</u>	3:20
<u>Days to wear PE Kits (before half term)</u>	Wednesday and Thursday
<u>(after half term)</u>	Monday and Thursday