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Dear Year Two Parents,

Let us start by welcoming you and your children into Year 2. We hope that you have had a lovely summer break and we are looking forward to working with you and your child.

Topics: Our topics this year will be:

<u>Fire – Dragons and Kingdoms (Autumn 1)</u>	<u>Fire – Heroes (Autumn 2)</u>	<u>Earth—World Farming (Spring 1)</u>	<u>Earth—Local Farming (Spring 2)</u>	<u>Water—Pirates (Summer 1)</u>	<u>Water—Journeys on Water (Summer2)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Family Tree Dragon Den Building. Volcanoes Drawing and painting Dragons. Health and Growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firefighters Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys Remembrance Day Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenyan Climate Kenyan Farming and physical features. Living things and their habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fair Trade Fortnight Local Farming Local Study Hatching Chicks Farm Visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pirate Stories Messages in a bottle Clay seascapes Large weaving Floating and Sinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commotion in the ocean Christopher Columbus Monet Beach day 
Christianity				Judaism	

Our Spotlight Author for this half term is Michael Rosen and after half term it will be David Melling.

What's new for September 2015?

PE: Now your child is in Year 2 they will have two , 1 hour PE sessions on a Monday and Friday afternoon. Children will need a full PE kit, including pumps for indoor PE and an outdoor kit, in a bag clearly labelled with their name. This half term they will be taught football and gymnastics. After half term we move onto hockey and dance. On Mondays the children will be taught PE by Mr. Stanway, our school-based 'Schools Direct' student. On Fridays they will be taught PE by Mr. Jackson, who taught in Year 6 last year and who is now in his final year at Edge Hill University.

Homework: Homework and spellings will be set regularly in the home school planner. This will also be your child's reading record. Please can we ask you to read and sign the home school agreement on page 3 and 4.

In the coming weeks, children will receive lists of key words to read and spell in their school planners. It is important that the children can read and write these words independently to ensure good progress in reading and writing. We ask that children read with an adult at home as often as possible, and of course reading aloud to your child is invaluable. This is a great time to extend vocabulary and understanding of stories.

In addition from Year 2 onwards children will receive a homework book for Maths and Literacy. Literacy homework will be set on the Monday and returned each Wednesday. Maths will be set on Wednesday and returned each Friday.

Going Home Time:

Our classroom has no exit to the playground so children will be dismissed by us at the end of each day, from the playground next to the Reception classroom. We will send your child to you as we notice you arrive.

Reading books: Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book regularly. Your child's reading level will be assessed as required and their book band will be changed accordingly. Please ensure that reading books and planners are in school everyday.

Mystery reader: Please see the attached letter inviting you to come into school for 3pm on a Monday to share a book of your choice with the class

Nantwich Museum trip: Wednesday 18th November. More details to follow but this will be a great class trip comparing the events of the Nantwich great fire with that in London. The day involves drama, as Tudor fire fighters, handling artefacts , a tour of the Church and making Tudor houses.

Allergies: There may be opportunities for your child to taste food during the year. Please let me know if your child is not able to eat a certain food.

Water bottles and healthy snacks: We would like to remind you that new water bottles are available from the office and cost £1.50. At break time children are able to buy a healthy snack from the kitchen, bring a piece of fruit from home or choose fruit provided by school for Key Stage 1.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs Pullé and Mr Collier