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Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer. It is so lovely to have all the children back and see them settling in so well. They have already made an enthusiastic start to their learning, which is great to see.

Learning Challenge

This term our **Learning Challenge** question is '**What happened in the Great Fire of London?**'

Please read our topic web to find more information about what your child will be learning at school through this topic and in other areas of the curriculum. Our 'Wow' event this term will be our '**Great Fire of Tadley**', which will take place towards the end of term. More information about this will follow soon.

Reading

This year we will be continuing to emphasise the importance of reading for pleasure and learning progress. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do reap the rewards of regular reading practise.

Your child will be bringing home a reading book matching their Monster Phonics stage and these will be changed once a week or fortnight as appropriate. Please read these books as many times as you can with your child over the week in order to help build their fluency, pace, comprehension and retrieval in reading. In addition to this, your child can choose a book from the book corner and library as a 'reading for pleasure' book. This can be read with adults at home and enjoyed together.

It is school expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week. Please record this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books)**. Thank you for your support with this.

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Bishopswood Federation work together to develop kind and considerate children who are resilient, reflective and motivated learners, ready for the challenges that the future holds.

Spellings

Spellings will start after half term and we will send a letter to explain how the process works with the first set of spellings.

Homework Grid

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional to reinforce learning done at school. The children will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during the week. We have included a range of activities which will hopefully appeal to all children and promote greater interest and engagement. Some are short activities while others may take longer to complete.

PE

We will be having a full afternoon of PE each week on a **Wednesday**. We will be having one session in the hall and one outside so children will need to come to school dressed in their kits. **This should be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and suitable footwear.** Children can wear their school jumpers or cardigans if the weather is colder. If your child has long hair, it will need to be tied up on these days and earrings will need to be taken out or covered with ear tape (please provide this if it is required).

Reminders

- This year we will be aiming to have at least one session of outdoor learning a week. Each child will need a pair of wellies in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles (also named please) need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.
- If you find any other old reading or library books from school at home, please return them to the school office as soon as possible – no fines here we would just love to restock.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us, we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Thank you for your continuing support
The Year 2 Team

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