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Learning together, to serve God, His world and His people.
Always our best because everyone matters.



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YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

February 2018

It's hard to believe we're already half way through the school year! Well done to the children who come into school independently. Maybe we could all try to do this as it makes for a more settled start in the morning.

Thank you to everyone who returned their holiday diary – it sounds like you all had a good break.

This half term's main topic is 'London Long Ago'. We will focus on the events of the Great Plague of 1665 and how The Great Fire of London changed the Capital in 1666. We will be visited by Rainbow Theatre on Tuesday 13th March so the children can begin to imagine what it was like to live during this time. We also intend to build a replica of London and actually watch how the fire would have spread (all under the watchful eye of Mr Hull and his fire extinguisher of course).

Literacy lessons will continue to encourage the children to develop their use of descriptive language. Editing skills will be developed with the children re-reading their work to check for meaning and to correct spellings and punctuation. Phonic sessions will continue with the children learning letter strings and spelling rules which will help them become more accurate in their own word-building.

In Maths, we're continuing to apply the correct operation to solve problems (e.g. + - x or ÷). The children are encouraged to show their jottings to demonstrate how they've got their answer and also, record the sum mathematically.

We encourage the children to use empty number lines, which is another good way to show their workings. If you can keep the mental maths going at home, too, that would be a great help e.g. quick fire questions - "7 and 5 more", "half of 18", "double 20" etc.

This half term we are learning about fractions – finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes and numbers.

On Friday 16th March we will be visiting Chichester Cathedral. If you have a current West Sussex DBS issued through the school office and would be able to help on the day, please speak to the class teacher as soon as possible. The year 2 choir will be taking part in The Big Sing on 15th March (the children involved will bring home the necessary letters).

Please remember the correct PE kit for inside and outside: All children need t-shirt, shorts, full tracksuit, trainers or plimsolls and for bad weather spare socks, hat and gloves. We go outside in ALL weathers.

We appreciate the support parents give with the weekly homework challenges and look forward to seeing you at Drop In and Parents Evenings. There will also be a short meeting for all parents on Monday 12th March at 3.30pm in the hall to discuss arrangements for end of Key stage SATs that will be happening in May and June in Year 2.

Yours sincerely

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