



BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer, although it already seems like a long time ago! 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 the 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.

To receive more information about this year, please attend our Year 2 parent welcome meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 2.30pm.

Reading

This year we will be continuing to take part in the ‘**Reading Race**’, where the class who has the most children reading three times a week at home receives a class reward such as a non-uniform day. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do reap the rewards of regular reading. In Year 2 we encourage the children to change their own books as often as they like to help build independence. Your child will be taking home a reading book matching their colour band and some will take an additional phonics book that matches the sounds they are working on that week.

It is our expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week**, and this can be your child’s book from school or other books you may have at home. **Please record** this in your child’s reading record (the ‘monkey’ books). Don’t forget, if your child reads more than 3 times a week they will be entered into the raffle to win a book to take home keep. One child from each class is chosen every week to win a book.

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 and can be brought in on **Fridays**. The children will then be given an opportunity to share it with the class during show and tell assembly in class on Thursday afternoons. 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**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and will stay in them all day. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper to wear as well. 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 in your child's PE bag if it is required).

Reminders

- This year we will be having 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 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.

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