Dear Parents/Carers of Year 2,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The children have returned to school ready for learning and full of enthusiasm. Our learning journey will be:

Brindishe Manor

English: **Setting descriptions:** We will be looking at pictures of The Great Fire of London and using these to describe the scene using our five senses and building our descriptive vocabulary (adjectives, nouns and verbs).
Recount: Using the core text, *The Great Fire of London* by Emma Adams, we will build on oral storytelling through drama and construct sentences using past and present tenses. We will then write a diary entry as an eyewitness, using time adverbials and coordinating conjunctions.
Maths: **Addition and Subtraction:** We will continue learning different strategies for adding and subtracting and build up to adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.
Shape, measure: We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties and exploring sides and vertices. We will also be learning about lines of symmetry and drawing whole shapes accurately.
Please also practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s regularly. You can turn this into a 'number tennis' game by taking it in turns to say each number. You can also ask your child to show and explain equal groups at home using everyday objects e.g., 4 x 2 can be represented with 4 groups of 2 grapes etc.
Science - We will be learning about plants and how they grow. Children will generate questions for investigation such as: 'Which plants can we eat? What plants are there in our local environment? What do seeds need to grow?'
Art - We will be exploring the world through mono print. We will be exploring the work of artists such as Xgaoc'o X'are and a range of resources including ink.
History - We will be looking at what happened in the Great Fire of London and how it changed London in 1666. We will be using primary and secondary resources to make predictions and to ask and answer questions.
RE - In RE we will learn about Hinduism. What do Hindus believe? How do they celebrate and who are their gods?
Computing - Our theme is 'Creating media and digital photography'. We will be looking at IT and how to use it safely. We will learn that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos.
Music - We will develop listening, playing and performance skills by exploring Motown, Elvis, big band and freedom songs. We will also be learning songs and rehearsing for the nativity.
P.E. - This half term we will be focusing on large ball skills and applying skills in simple games outdoors. In dance, we will develop our ability to show character through expression and dynamics, and to stay in time with the music.
PSHME - This half term in PSHME, we will be continuing our learning on relationships, as well as celebrating diversity and learning about bullying during our Federation focus weeks. We will look at themes such as managing secrets, resisting pressure and playing and working cooperatively.
If you have any questions, please just ask or email us at:
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Mr. Ahmed, Ms. Balcombe, Ms. Groothues and Ms. Webster

Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

PE Days:
Rashford - Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Asher-Smith – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

Year 2 Home learning:

Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on our school website and via Arbor.

Your child can also use the online learning resources for maths on Sumdog and for reading on Bug Club.