

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 2.

Welcome back to the second half of the term. Our learning journey for the first half term will be:



### Literacy

**Narrative:** We will be using the text 'The Great Fire of London' (GFOL) by Emma Adams to build on oral storytelling through drama and constructing sentences using past and present tense.

### Maths

**Number:** We will be developing our problem solving and reasoning skills with some exciting maths challenges. We will be consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction of one and two digit numbers and deepening our understanding by applying what we know in different contexts. We will then look at multiplication and equal grouping using mathematical language such as factors and product.

Please encourage your child to add and subtract up to 20 using mental strategies (no fingers please!). Please also practise 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 eg, 4 x 2 can be represented with 4 groups of 2 grapes etc.

**Science** –Our topic this half term is Uses of Everyday Materials. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. We will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. Please talk to your child about the different materials you may find in your home environment and out and about. Look out for some home learning science challenges in the coming weeks on our class page.

**Art**- Through the theme of the Fire of London we will be developing colour mixing and drawing techniques and working towards a final piece.

**Geography** – We will be looking at maps from the time of the GFOL and will be identifying familiar places. We will be recapping features of a map and creating maps in groups to show the spread of the fire.

**RE** – In RE we will be continuing our learning on Christianity we will be learning about the life and teachings of Jesus through parables such as The Lost Son and The Good Samaritan. We will be taking part in the nativity and will learn the importance of Christmas and the meaning behind the celebration.

**IT**– Our theme is 'Information Technology around us' 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** – Music – We will be learning songs and rehearsing for the nativity.

**P.E.** – This half term we will be focusing on netball skills and dance. We will be continuing with the Daily Mile.

If you have any questions, please just ask or email [info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk)

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Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts. Your child will also have an online Bug Club book or hard copy book each week. Please remember to keep books and reading records in book bags **every day.**

**PE Days:**

Rashford -  
Wednesday and  
Friday

Grey Thompson –  
Monday and Friday  
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 class page on  
ItsLearning.