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Dear Parents and Carers,

Overleaf you will find a theme overview for this first half of the Autumn Term, detailing our learning objectives. Our theme is 'Emergency!' this half term. We continue to have English and Maths lessons each day as well as daily phonics. We will be teaching about the uses and properties of different materials in Science so please explore this at home. In history we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and this will link with our DT as the children will have the opportunity to design and make a Fire Engine! Please save a small cardboard box for this and your child can bring it in when we ask later in the half term. In our PSHE lesson we will be thinking about Safe Relationships and Respecting ourselves and others.

Our PE days this half-term are **Monday and Wednesday** and children should arrive at school in their PE kit on these days please. PPA is on a Tuesday and some children will go on Out and About. The list for Out and About will be in the newsletter every Friday and you will receive a text if your child is in this group. Our PPA is led by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Cox and Mrs Webb. Please also ensure jumpers are named or it is very hard to return them if they are misplaced.

Please continue to practise weekly spellings with your child, every day if possible, to help them retain new words and spelling patterns. Spellings will be given out on Mondays and tested on Fridays. All spellings will have a sound or pattern in common. Please talk to your child and help them identify the week's pattern so that they can be a Spelling Star!

In Maths we need the children to know their 2 times tables. We start by making sure they can count in twos on their fingers and then move to some rapid recall. When they know their 2 times tables they can start learning their 5 times tables in the same way. Children will continue to have Maths Challenge weekly and this will be reflect and consolidate learning from lessons.

Please continue to hear your children read daily or read to them for 10 minutes. You will find ways to support your child with their reading in the front of their reading diaries. Reading daily at home will have real impact on their progress. Our books are matched to the phonics taught in lessons and will be changed once a week. However, please can your child bring their book in everyday so that we can hear them read when possible.

Thank you for your support, if you have any queries or would like to discuss your child's learning please contact the office and we will be happy to arrange an appointment. We are looking forward to a busy half term.

Yours sincerely,

The year 2 team - Mrs Arnell, Ms Gibbins, Mrs Cox, Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Hiscock



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