Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2!

Our Topics
This half term our topic is ‘Fire! Fire!’. We will be learning about the ‘Great Fire of London’. This will include finding out about the sequence of events, Samuel Pepys and similarities and differences between life then and now. We will also learn about how to find out about the past through research using the internet and books. Children will be creating a PowerPoint about the Great Fire of London. The children will also take part in a Great Fire of London day.
After half term, our topic will be ‘Toy Story’. We will be learning about materials, writing stories with familiar settings and making our own puppets.

Homework
Every Friday, children will be given a spelling rule to investigate. We will have been learning about the rule during our ‘Word Workshop’ lessons that week. Children will be expected to write a list of words in their homework book that use the rule. They will then be tested on ten words the following Friday. The children will also receive a piece of English homework with either a grammar or comprehension focus. The activity will be on the dbprimary website under the ‘homework’ tab. You do not need to print the sheets; children can practise their spellings and write the answers to their English homework in their books. If you do print the sheets out, please stick them in their homework book. Please complete and return on the following Thursday. Children will learn the 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division facts. You will receive a separate letter about this when we start to learn them.
You will have received a letter outlining how to log onto MyMaths. The children will be set an activity every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. A copy of the log in details is stuck in your child’s reading record or homework book.

Reading Revelry
We will be continuing with ‘Reading Revelry’ sessions on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 until 9.20. Please speak to Mrs. Lindop or Mrs. Dubiel if you are able to help on any of these days.

Art Aprons
Children will need to bring in a named art apron that covers their front and their sleeves to protect their uniform during messy activities. This can be an old t-shirt or shirt.

Swimming
Children in Elm Bay will be swimming on Wednesdays this term. They will need named swimming costumes, hats and towels. Children may bring goggles if they wish to. If you can help with this, please see Mrs. Lindop as soon as possible.

PE
We have PE twice a week. Please ensure children have the correct PE uniform and have removed earrings if they are unable to do so themselves.
Indoor PE will be on Fridays and outdoor PE will be on Wednesdays. This term, Elm Bay will have their swimming lesson instead of outdoor PE. Children will need to bring in trainers or plimsolls for the outdoor PE lesson.

We look forward to working together to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and successful year,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Lindop and Mrs. Dubiel