Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2!

**Our Topics**
This half term our topic is ‘Fire! Fire!’ During this topic 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.

After half term, our topic will be ‘We Are What We Eat’. We will be learning about healthy eating and exercise.

**Homework**
Children have already been issued with an Oxford Reading Tree book and reading record book. Children should read to an adult every day if possible. Please make a comment in the reading record book each time you hear your child read. The ‘Reading Challenge’ will continue as last year. We will collect Reading Record books in every Tuesday. Please remember to write in the book each time you hear your child read, not just when they have finished a book.

Every Friday, children will be given a set of spellings to learn based on the spelling patterns covered that week during the ‘Word Workshop’. The children will also receive grammar homework. These 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 grammar homework in their books. If you do print the sheets out, please put them in the folder.

Children will have a spelling test every Friday. 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.

**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 Miss Maslen 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 Miss Maslen 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 Tuesdays 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 for the outdoor PE lesson.

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

**Miss Maslen and Mrs. Dubiel**