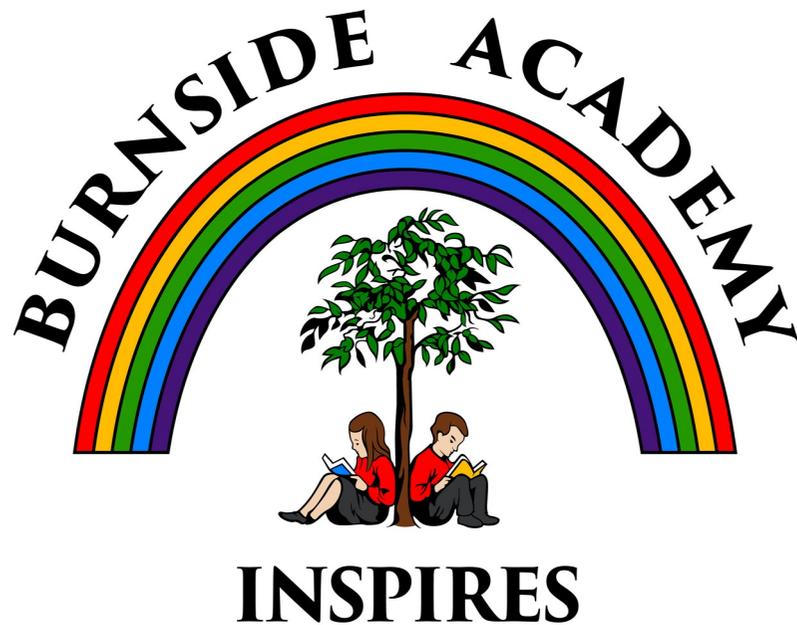


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## Welcome to Year 2



Dear Parent/ carer

Welcome to the first half of the Autumn term! We hope you all had a lovely Summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting events over the next half term.

I hope that by working together we can make this term a happy and very productive one for your child, offering them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and ensuring that they make the best possible progress with their learning.

Coming up this term we will be learning lots of new skills and knowledge linked to our topic-

[Bright Lights, Big City](#)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to have a word with me (the best time is at 3.15 pm) - I will be happy to speak to you and/or make an appointment for a more lengthy discussion.

Thank you for your continued support  
**Mrs Wright**

Please look inside



## This is what we are learning this half term!

English	<p><u>Spelling</u> The children take home ten spellings a week, they will get these on a Monday and the spelling test will be on the following Monday. Please ensure your child can read and write these words by practising them at home. It might be a good idea to look at two spellings a night which won't take up a lot of time. Some of the children will be sent 10 sentences- they will need to spell the red word correctly and remember to use a capital letter and full stop in their spelling test.</p> <p><u>Handwriting</u> Handwriting is important in Year 2 as the children will learn how to write cursively. This term we will be focussing on the children forming letters correctly in order to eventually move them onto joining. Handwriting homework will be sent out every week to ensure you child is learning these at home as well as in school.</p> <p><u>Grammar</u> The children will be learning lots of new vocabulary which links to grammar in Year 2 as they are starting to think about the word class and what makes a sentence. This will improve the children's writing overall and will allow them to move through school with an in depth knowledge of writing.</p> <p><u>Punctuation</u> The children will also look at punctuation with a focus on capital letters, full stops, commas, apostrophe's, exclamation marks and question marks.</p> <p>This term we will be focussing on narratives and non chronological reports.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this half term, the children will be learning: Week 1 and 2- Number and place value- this will focus on identifying the tens and ones in numbers up to 100. Week 3- Length and weight- focussing on measuring, ordering and comparing lengths and weights. Week 4, 5 and 6- Addition and Subtraction- focussing on adding and subtracting numbers to 100. Week 7- 2D and 3D shaped- focussing on the properties of shapes.</p> <p>Also in year 2, the children will be working on their times table and division facts- this half term, we will be working on the 10 times tables.</p>
Science	<p>In Science, we will be looking at Changing materials. This will allow us to think about what material objects are made of and why. It will also allow us to think about the change in materials when hot and cold are applied. The class will be encourage to do a fair test in an investigation.</p>
I.C.T	<p>In I.C.T, we will be looking at the internet and thinking about how to use it safely. This will allow the children to use search engines and help them to recognise what is useful and not. We will also be thinking about ways to communicate online looking closely at email and how to email safely.</p>
Geography/ History	<p>In Geography- we will be thinking about the United Kingdom. The children will identify the four countries and the surrounding oceans. We will think about where we live and what our capital city is. We will be looking closely at London and the London landmarks. We will also be looking at maps and using directional language to locate places.</p> <p>This half term we will be looking closely at the topic of The Great Fire of London. This topic will allow us to think about how people lived in London in 1666 in comparison to now. We will be thinking about the story of the great fire of London and we will start to think about how and where it started. We will also be looking at important people such as Samuel Pepys. This topic will also feed into English as it will allow us to write our own diaries in the form of Samuel Pepys and a newspaper report from the time.</p>
R.E	<p>This half term we will be looking at Christianity, we will use these stories and look for the moral as guidance. We will also relate these message to ourselves and think about what the Bible teaches Christians. During this term we will be looking at Christianity as a whole religion including their celebrations, where they worship, what they believe etc,</p>
P.E	<p>Over the next half term, we will be playing games which encourage the children to think about the importance of exercise. The children will be taught how to exercise safely and will be able to recognise how their body changes when they do.</p>
Art/DT	<p>During this half term, we will be thinking about sketching and painting. As we learn about the Great Fire of London- the children will create images to represent the blaze.</p>

## SOME REMINDERS

**Start of the day** - Please ensure that your child arrives on time for school. The school gate opens at 8.45am and classroom doors will close at 9:00am. Children arriving even a few minutes late can often take a long time to settle into the class.

**End of the day** - School finishes at 3.15 pm. Please ensure that the children are picked up at this time and the school are aware if someone new is picking them up.

**Uniform** - All children must wear grey or black trousers or skirts, white polo-shirt and a red or grey school jumper and black shoes not trainers. We would be grateful if these could be clearly named! Please also label hats, gloves, wellies and items of PE kit. Any items found will be kept in lost property until the end of half term- please feel free to have a look!

**Reading** - All children will take a reading book home. A shared reading session at home is very valuable and rewarding. Children will respond positively to ten or fifteen minutes 'special reading time' at home. You can write a comment or just a smiley face in your child's Home-School Reading Record Book. Reading books should be returned everyday to ensure that the children make progress in their reading. Their reading book can be changed everyday if required but must be changed on a Friday otherwise.

**PE** - Year 2 have PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit including comfortable black plimsolls. Also during the winter months please provide your child with tracksuit bottoms as we may still go outside when it's cold. No jewellery should be worn on P.E. days and long hair should be tied back.

**Coats** -As the weather is changing and unpredictable, all children MUST bring a coat every day as some our learning will take place outside even on cold days.

**Homework**- Your child will get three pieces of homework per week- Maths, English and handwriting. The homework will be sent our from school on a Wednesday and will be expected to be returned into school on the following Monday. Please ensure your child completes their homework as it allows their teacher to see what they can do independently. The children's homework will relate to what they have been taught in school that week.

Thank you for your support!