

HOME LEARNING

After half term, Year Two's topic will be 'Fire! Fire!' We will be learning about Fire Safety, Fiery Dragons and The Great Fire of London.

To prepare for this topic we ask that each child prepares and their own '**Tudor style**' house. The children will need their houses to help re-enact the great fire. We will be building a 3D model map of London using the houses and discussing the factors that caused the fire to spread so quickly.

We would like the houses in school the **week beginning Monday 26th November**, and not before as we have limited space to store them. This gives the children four weeks and half term to complete their home learning.

Here are some examples:



PARENTS EVENINGS

It was lovely to meet you all properly in the recent parent meetings. We hope you found the meeting informative and useful. Please remember the year two teachers are available to answer questions about your child's learning throughout the year and not just at parents' meetings.

BULBS FOR SCHOOL

Thank you for all the bulb donations you have generously made so far. It's still not too late to donate! If you could spare some bulbs or a bag of compost, please give them to your child's class teacher.

LACEY LIBRARY

Year 2 will be visiting the Lacey library on Monday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know. The anticipated date of the next visit for each class is detailed below.

Class 7 – 5th Nov

Class 8 – 12th Nov

Class 9 – 19th Nov

Please note: These dates are subject to change. If the weather is too wet on a class' scheduled date the visit will be postponed until the next week therefore moving the other classes forward a week. We will try our best to keep you informed of dates in these newsletters if they change.

THANK YOU

For all the materials you have kindly sent into school for our inventions. We hope that enjoy learning all about their inventions when they come home!

RECORDERS

As your child may have told you we have been learning to play parts of a song on the glockenspiel and the recorder. Our music next term will also include using a recorder. Whilst we do have recorders in school some of the children have indicated that they have their own at home. If you are happy for your child to bring their recorder in to use during music please ensure that it is named and send it in their book bag, where they can access it during music lessons.

Please note - there is no expectation that children have to have their own recorder or that you need to buy them one.

FAMILY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Portsmouth Libraries are holding Family Learning workshops on **Tuesday 23rd October**. They are as follows:

Central Library	10-12	15 families
Portsea Library	10-12	10 families
Carnegie Library	10-12	8 families
Cosham Library	1.30-3.30	8 families
North End Library	1.30-3.30	10 families
Southsea Library	1.30-3.30	10 families

These will be fun and free activities for families to do together during half term, staff from The Learning Place will be taking the sessions.

Please contact the library directly to book onto the workshop.

ENJOY YOURSELVES

It has been a lovely half-term helping the children settle into year 2. They have learnt so much already! We hope you enjoy the half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team