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Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Courage

Our vision, as a Church of England school, is for all of our children to **be courageous!**

Our Year 2 children have made a fantastic start to the year. We want them to enjoy the exciting term ahead based around our overall topic of The Great Fire of London. Occasionally, we need to support some children to be **courageous** as they come into school and join lessons. If your child is anxious about anything, please do speak to us. In particular, we will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour in any form – so please be courageous and talk to us or email us straight away!



We also want to encourage children to be **courageous** in their learning and personal development.

In Year 2, we really want to encourage children to shine in their learning and not be afraid to take risks and, when needed, ask for help. With our support, they will hopefully grow in confidence.

It's really important that children read every day. Please ensure you (or someone!) listen to them every day. We want children to be **courageously** positive about reading!

Faith, Hope and Love

Our Christian values are not just confined to our times of worship, but permeate all that we do in the curriculum and beyond. For example, this term:

- In art and science we will be looking at arctic animals, the impact of climate change and **hope** for the future.
- In music we will be learning our nativity songs and thinking about the Christmas story – a story about **faith, hope** and the greatest gift of **love**.
- Through 'zones of regulation' and 'empowerment' we will be thinking in PSHE about how to **love** our neighbour as ourselves. We will also be thinking about how to be kind and **love** one another, as we think about being a good friend.



The Year 2 team want to be **Inspirational, Inclusive** and **Innovative**. We are planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children. We want everyone to be part of the team and thrive. We are always thinking about how we can bring new ideas and fun to our lessons! We will ask for help from parents to enable us to be inspirational, inclusive and innovative – so do join us when the opportunity arises. We welcome your support from reading with the children to preparing for our nativity play.

Kind regards
Team Year 2



Puffin and Penguin Class News

Autumn Term 2023



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new year at school.

Thank you!

Reading:

Your child should be bringing two reading books home. One Read Write Inc book from their assessed colour and a book for promoting a love of reading. We would love to have parent helpers for 1:1 reading in the mornings between 8.45-9.15. Please speak to the class teacher if you are interested.



Please remember to name all your child's belongings clearly.

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle as there are no sinks in the new building. Break time fruit will now be provided so children do not need to bring in their own snack.



Home Learning
This will be added to Google Classroom every Thursday and be collected in the following week. Reading diaries will be sent out shortly.

Curriculum News

Please visit our school website to find out more about the topics this term.

<https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

The Great Fire of London



Great Fire of London

Re-enactment.

We will be burning our Tudor houses that we will make as part of DT. We will do this outside to show children how quickly the fire spread.

Year 2 Theatre Performance

Year 2 will have a year 2 theatre performance all about The Great Fire of London on the 18th of October.

Reading

Hearing your child read every night is vital for their confidence and progress at school. If your child is too tired to read in the evenings, why not try in the mornings?

PE will be on a Monday and a Thursday for Puffins
Wednesday Thursday
Please ensure your child has the correct kit.
Earrings are not to be worn on these days.

WANTED

We would appreciate the following:

Cereal boxes and other small boxes to make our Tudor houses.

Comics and magazines for our reading area.

Making Appointments

If you need to see Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Cleaver or Miss Sinden for any reason, please feel free to catch us after school. We can discuss the concern then or, if need be, make an appointment to meet at another time.

For information on what we will be learning as part of our Great Fire of London and Polar topics, please see the curriculum pages of our website. <https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35>