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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break; Mrs Fergusson and I have really enjoyed hearing all about what the children got up to. It is great to be back with the children, ready to embark on a busy term preparing the children for Key Stage 2.

Curriculum Information:

Writing

It has been amazing seeing the progress in writing this year. We have kick started this half term with a classroom dragon hunt to launch our new book 'The Dragon Machine'. Later in the term, the children will be writing their own fantasy stories. We will then be moving onto 'Lizzy and the Cloud', where the children will be writing their own guidebooks. In our final half term, we will be exploring 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' and 'Last Stop on Market Street', where the children will be learning to write explanation texts and narratives. We are continuing our focus on handwriting and presentation and I hope you will encourage the children to show you this at home too.

Maths

This half term, we have started learning about fractions. The children are learning how to find halves, quarters and thirds. We will then be learning how to tell the time, including learning how to tell the time to 5 minutes.

Next half term we will be looking at pictograms and tally charts, and finishing off the school year learning about position and direction.

Science

We are currently finishing off our 'How can we live healthy lives?' topic, exploring healthy eating, exercise and looking at good hygiene. For the rest of the summer term, we will be learning all about plants and what they need to flourish.

Other areas

The children have really loved learning all about the Great Fire of London, which we will be continuing for a few more weeks. Thank you for all of your support at home with their amazing homework! We will then be moving on to learning all about the seaside in geography, and finishing the year by looking at brave explorers in history.

In DT, we are looking at pivots and levers, and the children will be making their own landscape and character. Next half term in art, the children will be doing an observational drawing, where they will be learning to add tone and texture.

Reading

Thank you for all your continued support with reading, the children are continuing to make great progress. The expectation remains high for reading in year 2 and I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep reading and discussing your children's school books with them. In accordance to our Blackmore Agreement, books should be read to an adult at least **4 times a week** and recorded in their reading diary.

PE and Swimming

Our swimming lessons will take place on a **Thursday morning** and PE lessons on **Wednesday afternoon**. Please ensure that a full named swimming or PE kit are in school on these days. Please can I kindly ask again that earrings are removed at home prior to school on the mornings of swimming and PE or that your child has a named pot to keep them safe.

If you haven't already, take a look at our Class 2 Page on the school website by following this link:

<https://www.blackmore.essex.sch.uk/class-2-2>

I frequently update this page with pictures of what the children are getting up to.

Finally, I cannot believe we are already in our final term of this year! We are excited to see the children continue to flourish as we embark on the final term of year 2 with them. It has been such a pleasure being part of their learning journey, and seeing them grow as individuals this year!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk email address or catch me at the end of the day. I look forward to another successful and exciting term ahead with you and your children!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Palmer

Class 2 Teacher