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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Aruvi Aru class!

We hope that you and your child had an enjoyable break and we would like to welcome you to the final term of Year 2. We've had a good first week together in class and we are looking forward to a fun term of learning.

Our general topic this term is "Heroes". We are starting this topic by immersing ourselves in the history of The Great Fire of London. We will be learning how it started, what happened during the fire and how it changed London. We will be reading, writing, singing, dancing and building to bring this topic to life. If your child is a fan of Minecraft the Museum of London have developed Minecraft maps of The Great Fire which are free to download here <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/discover/great-fire-1666>. Later in the term we will be researching other real life heroes including Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

In science this term we will be learning about plants and observing how seeds grow into mature plants by growing our own beans. To do this, we will find out what plants need in order to grow and stay healthy.

We will be reading a variety of texts and books to inspire our writing, develop our understanding across the curriculum and to build a love of reading. We will start with "Toto the Ninja Cat" and "Aesop's fables". We suggest that Year 2 children **read to an adult four to five times every week for about ten minutes each time**. This might be a book from home, the local library, from the school reading scheme or from our school library. Children will read with staff in class every week and will normally change their reading scheme books weekly to bring home. We will also have a library session every Wednesday when children will choose books to bring home.

Our writing focus this term will be continuing to develop accurate and exciting sentences. We will be writing our own fables, keeping a diary and writing a limerick or riddle. Spellings will continue to be sent home each week and our spelling test will usually be on a Tuesday.

In maths we will be revisiting topics from earlier in the year and learn about measurement, geometry (position and direction) and time (including o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and telling the time to 5 minutes).

You have already received a letter with details of the swimming lessons that will take place this term. These will take place 3 times each week on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. The first lesson will be this week on **Wednesday 26th April**. This will replace our twice weekly PE sessions. If you have any questions about swimming please contact me either in person or through the school office.

The staff in class this term remains the same. I will teach the class throughout the week and the class will be supported by Miss Corner and Mrs Bennett. When I am not in class Mrs Maver will teach the children.

Day	
Monday	
Tuesday	spelling
Wednesday	library, swimming
Thursday	swimming
Friday	swimming

Finally, please get in touch with me either directly in the playground or through the school office if you have any worries or concerns. It is very important that we work together to help your child to enjoy school, work hard, learn well and to show their very best behaviour throughout the school year.

Yours faithfully,
Helen Barley and the Year 2 team



Mrs Bennett

Miss Corner

Ms Barley