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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 I have been impressed with how the children have responded to the week of intensive swimming lessons.

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 Thursday 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. Our daily spelling lessons will continue, focusing on specific spelling rules and how to spell common exception words. Spellings will be sent home for children to practise this term, more details will follow shortly.

In maths we will be revisiting topics from earlier in the year and learning about fractions and time (including o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and telling the time to 5 minutes). We will also be learning our times tables facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including division facts.

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 Ms Middleton. The children will also benefit from student teacher Mr Quinn who will be in class this term.

To help children develop their independence in readiness for the upcoming transition to Year 3 please could adults say goodbye to their children on the circle so that children can walk independently into class.

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

Day	
Monday	
Tuesday	swimming
Wednesday	
Thursday	library
Friday	PE