

## **TO ALL YEAR 2 PARENTS**

January 2012

Dear Parents

Our humanities topic for this term is 'History' based. The children will investigate life from the past and compare their grandparents' childhood with their own. Other comparisons will include clothes, toys and schools. The children will also have the opportunity to explore the Mansion's fascinating history, including the life and times of Queen Victoria and Princess Charlotte.

If you have any historical artefacts to show or share with Year 2 this term, please could you bring them into School after half term. If any grandparent would like to impart some of their own knowledge and past experiences with us we would be delighted to hear from you.

In Science our focus is man-made and natural materials. We will be investigating water, clay, wood and experience some cooking too.

In Maths we will develop, reinforce and extend the basic skills of addition and subtraction with numbers up to and beyond 100, expecting increasing speed and accuracy. Multiplication and division will be taught through grouping, sharing, halving and doubling, using a variety of strategies so that the children are secure in their understanding. Learning number bonds and times tables (2, 3, 4, 5, 10s) will continue, as well as money, time, estimating and measuring with standard units and exploration of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

We thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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