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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2!

Year 2 is such an exciting year. Your child will develop more independence through this year and build up stamina for concentrating for longer periods of time - not to mention all the new skills and fascinating facts they will learn! As the oldest children in Key stage 1 they will have certain responsibilities, such as representing their class in our school committees and becoming buddies to the new Reception children, supporting them at lunchtimes and on the playground.

Year 2 is taught by Mrs Lawson on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mr Pryce on Fridays. The class are supported by Mrs Barnwell and Mrs Morris. We feel so privileged to be teaching your child for the next step of their educational journey and look forward to building an excellent home - school partnership with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

This is the year when your child will consolidate all of their phonic knowledge learned through Reception and Year 1. Moving forward, the emphasis of our teaching of reading will change towards the comprehension of what they read, whilst still practising their all important word decoding skills on a daily basis. Reading at home with your child has never been more important. Reading for **10 minutes a day** will improve their access to all areas of the curriculum because fluent reading is the key to everything! Through this year you will find that your child's conversations about books will develop as they learn to discuss characters, settings and interesting vocabulary in their reading. We will send home reading books every Thursday. Ideally, each book should be read at least twice to help consolidate new vocabulary and build fluency.

Each week, your child will receive spellings to practice and maths homework to complete through their homework book. The homework book must be returned to school on a **Tuesday** and will come back home, marked and replenished with new work on a Thursday. We will have a spelling test every Wednesday to check your child's progress. We are striving for children to become confident spellers who apply their knowledge in to all areas of writing.

Your child needs to bring a water bottle into school every day; this should be filled with water only. Even during the colder months, it is important that the children keep hydrated throughout the day. A healthy snack will be provided by the school at break time. Our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Please can children come ready dressed in their PE kit on these days with their school jumper or cardigan over the top and feel free to wear dark jogging bottoms as the weather gets colder.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to provide the very best outcomes for your child. Please find below an outline of our first term's work.

*Very best wishes,
The Year 2 Team*



