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Dear Families,

Below you will find some key information about your child's new year group. We value the working relationships we have with our families and in order for your child to make the best progress, we must continue to work together.You will also see below the expectations around home learning and reading. Home learning not only supports your child in an academic sense, but also ensures that they learn the importance of deadlines and responsibility - key skills which will prepare them for life.

We will celebrate children who consistently read, in line with our schools expectations (5 pages per day) and record this in their reading records through certificates and other awards. As well as this, we may also provide children with the chance to catch up with missed home learning (spellings, homework and reading) during break or lunchtime.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning, your partnership only helps aid and support the progress your child makes.

Mr J Coombes

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Class 2! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and I look forward to seeing the children blossom throughout the year. As we start our first full week back at school I would like to thank you all for your support in settling your child back into school life.

We will not be doing a letter home every Friday this year, however if we have anything important coming up I will email you.

I would like to give you information about Class 2. If you do feel the need to speak to me at any point, I am always approachable so please feel free to make an appointment by phoning or sending an email to the office and I will call you back when possible.

In Class 2 this year;

Miss Owers will be teaching the class alongside Mrs Lyons who will be in class everyday with Mrs Mel and Miss Sweeting at times.

Reading and Phonics📖

Embedding reading skills in our young readers is at the centre of our Year 2 curriculum. This will support them in writing complex sentences and becoming independent writers. Your child will be sent home with one reading book each week which will be closely matched to their phonic understanding and what is being taught in class. Your child should read regularly, daily if possible, at home. It would be really helpful if you could write a comment in your child's reading record books when you listen to your child read. We will also visit our school library to enhance reading for pleasure. Please ensure your child's library book is in their book bags so they can swap them for new.

Phonics Screening Test

If your child did not pass the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test last year, they will re-take it during the month of June. This will test your child's ability in recognising the phonics sounds they have learnt in both Reception and Year 1, and their ability to segment and blend. More information will be provided in the New Year about this.

PE🎾

Our PE days will usually be on a Monday and Wednesday each week. One lesson will be taught by our PE teacher Mr Fordham, and the other will be taught by myself. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons and a full school PE kit should be worn - shorts, t-shirt, plimsolls/trainers and jogging bottoms for the colder months. It would be really helpful if all parts of your child's PE kits are clearly named, and your child is independent in changing.

Please make sure your child is in the correct school uniform including footwear.

Maths🔢

Within Maths this term, the focuses are on place value, addition and subtraction as well as shape. We are looking closely at using place value charts, partitioning numbers up to 100 as well as counting up in 10s on number lines and being able to estimate where a number will go. Within addition and subtraction they will be looking at bonds to 10 and 100, fact families, add and subtract from the next 10, add and subtract 1 digit from 2 digit numbers, addition word problems and missing number problems.

English📚

Within English this term the children are doing 6 units of work (3 for each half term). Their first unit is "How to use different sentences in my stories" in which they will follow the structure of the story, learning how to use statements, question marks and exclamation marks. They will make their own story including characters and settings they are familiar with to get the best outcomes. In unit 2, "How to write a non chronological report" the children will create their own non fiction page including subheadings and sections on a topic. Their last unit before the half term is "How to write a poem", the children will create a poem based on a personal experience.

Science🧪

We will be exploring living things and their habitats, discussing how we know if things are alive, what habitats are best suited for different types of animals and understanding food chains.

Geography🌍

Our topic will be "Would you prefer to live somewhere hot or cold?" where the children will learn about the continents, north and south poles, locate the equator, compare Kenya to the UK and investigate the local weather conditions.

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We will be looking at why light is an important symbol across Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism

Computing💻

The children will be looking at how a computer works and what the different parts of a computer do.

Art🎨

Children will be designing and creating their very own print art as we learn about Henri Rousseau. Followed by an exploration into realism and the techniques used to make masks.

Absences

Please ring school by 8:30am if your child will be absent that day. It is expected that annual family holidays should be taken during the school holidays. Should you need to request absence from school, please complete a holiday absence request form from the office. Children are to have 95% attendance as a minimum.

Homework🎒

Year 2	Year 2 homework set on a Monday - returned on a Monday		
	Spellings	Reading	Maths
	2 exception words	Daily reading	One page of maths linked to this weeks learning

	8 spelling pattern words linked to the week's learning. These will be on sheets in their homework folder.	logged in reading record	on paper in their homework folder too
Logins will be stuck in their Homework folder			
Timetable Rockstars (Website/ App) https://ttrockstars.com			
Ed Shed (Website/ App) https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login?return_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.spellingshed.com%2Fen-gb%2F			
For every piece of homework submitted the children will receive a voucher and a dojo point to celebrate the children's hard work.			
If you need support logging in or if you require paper copies please speak to your child's class teacher.			

Creative project - As an optional extra children can do a creative project based on our topic			
Topic: Would you prefer to live somewhere hot or cold?			
Make it Children can use their creativity to show how the weather 'affects our lives' in any way (construction, Paper mache, Lego, cake) the more imaginative the better.	**Present it** Try making a film about the weather or be a news reporter investigating the topic. Film it and showcase it to your class.	**Write it** Keep a weather diary. What changes have you noticed? Can you see any patterns?.	**Tech it** Make a digital poster or fact file all about the weather (use PowerPoint or Google slides). Use your tech skills to be as creative as possible.

Key dates Autumn term for Year 2

September🍂:
Tuesday 15th: Night Owls Visit
Thursday 17th: Rock Steady Starts
Friday 18th: Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 21st: Clubs Start this Week
Tuesday 29th: Whole School Flu Vaccination

October🎃:
Thursday 1st: PTA UV Disco - School Hall (after school)
Monday 19th (14:15): Class 1 + 2 Harvest Festival Assembly (families welcome)
Thursday 22nd (13:15 - 19:00): Parents Evening
Friday 23rd (9:15 - 10:15): Family Coffee Morning (all welcome)
Friday 23rd: Last Day of Autumn Term 1 (15:30 finish)

November❄️:
Monday 2nd: Trust Inset Day (school closed to children)
Tuesday 3rd: Children Return to School
Tuesday 10th: Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday 13th: Children in Need (non uniform)
Friday 20th (after school): PTA Christmas Fete

December🎅:
Wednesday 9th (13:30): Flu Vaccination Catch Up

Thursday 10th: Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th (9:15 - 10:15): Christmas Coffee Morning (all welcome)
Monday 14th (14:15): Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance (families welcome)
Tuesday 15th (9:15): Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance (families welcome)
Wednesday 16th (14:00): Christmas Pantomime to Children
Wednesday 16th: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th: Last Day of Term - 13:30 Finish

I am excited to see how all of your wonderful children progress this year and enjoy all the fun we will get up to as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Owers and Mrs Lyons