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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Two

I am writing to introduce the Year Two team and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year Two up to Christmas.

Meet the team

Miss Jeffries - Class Teacher

Mrs Robertson -Teaching Assistant

Mrs Thorpe - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Year Two Autumn curriculum

English

We will be covering a range of genres, starting with the traditional tale, 'The Little Red Hen'. Through creative storytelling the children will be securing the reading and spelling of words containing different spellings of sounds. They will also be learning that when 'ed' is added to a word it changes it to past tense and 'ing' changes it to present tense. Children will be expected to write simple sentences using capital letters and full stops accurately, they will also be using the conjunctions, "and" "but" "who" "so" "then" "when" and "because" to join sentences together. They will learn to recognise and use the past and present tense, begin to use adverbs (words which describe how an action is carried out), write questions and statements appropriately and use question and exclamation marks accurately. They will be able to identify a noun, a verb, an adverb and an adjective and be able to use these in their writing.

Mathematics

In maths this term the children will be recapping the place value of numbers within 100. They will be applying their place value knowledge to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division number sentences and problems. They will also be able to recognise and use the correct mathematical symbol for each calculation. The children will be using data from lists, tables and graphs to answer questions. They will also be recording and representing data as a block graph, pictogram or table. The children will be exploring the properties and mathematical names of 2D and 3D shapes. They will also learn how to estimate, measure and record the height/length of common everyday objects using the correct mathematical measurements. The children will be practising counting forward and backwards to 100 and beyond, as well as counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In term one the children will be looking at their 'best me', they will explore the importance of staying healthy through regular exercise, brushing their teeth and washing their hands. They will also be exploring the process of learning, which will help them develop a positive growth mindset. In term two the children will be learning about 'me and my relationships', this unit will allow the children to understand how to keep themselves safe when developing new relationships and friendships with others. They will also be learning about different types of families. As part of our SCIB topic, the children will be learning about substance misuse, with a focus on avoiding cleaning products that may pose a danger to them if handled unsafely.

Modern Foreign Language

French- The children will become familiar with using French words to greet each other and answer the register. They will be learning the names of the different body parts in French. The children will

also be working towards singing the song 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in French. In the second term the children will be exploring the French Alps, with a particular focus on skiing.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' which can be found on the class blog.

What homework to expect and when

The children will bring home a homework folder which explains their homework for the week. Homework will be sent home as follows:

- **Reading**- All children are expected to read for 15 minutes each day.
- **Spelling**- Your child will bring home spellings in their homework books every other week with a list of spellings to practise. Please encourage them to look at each word, cover it and practise writing it, then check it. They will also have a spelling investigation every other week to complete. Regular spelling practise of a few minutes each night will make a big difference to your child's confidence and ability.
- **Maths**- Children will bring home times table practise every other week. They will also have work linked to maths topics covered in class every other week.

Homework will be sent home on **Thursdays** and be **due in the following Wednesday**. A spelling test will take place fortnightly.

Ways you can help your child

In class we have a reading display with a reading chart for each child. If your child reads five times a week they get a sticker to go on their chart, 5 stickers would mean that they have read 25 times and will then get a certificate presented to them in Assembly.

You and your child would benefit from checking our class webpage regularly to access our class blog, keeping up to date with any diary events coming up and using suggested websites to support learning.

PE days

PE will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please can you make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all of the time.

Indoor kit: Navy shorts and plain white T-shirt. Indoor lessons are done in bare feet or plimsolls.

Outdoor kit: Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain white T-shirt plus plimsolls/trainers.

Please ensure that all clothing brought into school is clearly named.

Finally, please remember to visit our blog which you can access through the class pages on our school website. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes

Miss Jeffries
Class Teacher