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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2

I am writing to introduce the Year 2 Team and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year 2 up to Christmas.

Meet the team

Miss Ross - Class Teacher

Mrs Gregg and Mrs Walton - Teaching Assistants

Year 2 Autumn Curriculum

In Term One, our topic is called 'Out of India' which links with our English, Geography and DT lessons. In Term 2, our topic is called 'Whizz! Fizz! Bang! The Gunpowder Plot' which will link with our English, Art and History lessons.

English
We will be covering a range of writing genres including poetry, instruction, story and letter writing; some of our writing will directly link to our topics including, 'The Gunpowder Plot'. We will start the term with writing a story based on the traditional text, The Little Red Hen. We will then move onto looking at letter writing linked to our Geography topic about India. We will look at the features of instruction writing: imperative verbs, time conjunctions, time adverbs, bullet points and pictures. Finally, we will also do some factual writing about The Gunpowder Plot.
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 Education (PSHE)
In Term One, the children will be looking at the SCARF unit 'Being my best' where 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 focus on the unit 'Me and my relationships' which will allow them 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.

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 school website.

What homework to expect and when

The children will bring home a homework folder which explains their homework for the week.

Homework is designed to help the children develop and extend skills taught in the classroom. Therefore, every child will be expected to complete homework. Homework will be set every **Friday** and will be due back on **Thursday** each week. It will include a piece of maths and spelling work each week. In maths, the homework will alternate every fortnight between work we have been covering in class and multiplication and division to develop the children's confidence and fluency when recalling their times table facts. Spelling homework will alternate between a spelling investigation and practising for a spelling test.

Alongside their daily reading book, the children will also be bringing home a reading for pleasure book. This is a book for you to enjoy sharing with your child. Your child may like to have this book read to them as this isn't their daily reading book. They will have chosen this book from our class reading corner and it will be changed on a Friday.

Ways you can help your child

- In Year 2, we help the children build up their independence. They will be expected to put their bags and lunch boxes away and to change their own reading books. They will then settle to a morning task as soon as possible.
- Please listen to your child read daily to help increase their phonics knowledge and broaden their vocabulary. When listening to your child read, please discuss the book and any unfamiliar vocabulary with them to support their understanding.
- Share the Knowledge Organisers, which can be found on the class blog and school website, with your child as this is a great way to find out what your child is doing in school.
- Now that the children are in Year 2, please can you ensure that your child is not bringing in anything from home including toys and teddies.
- Please can you make sure that your child has the correct school uniform including black school shoes. Please refer to our website for full details about our school uniform policy.

PE days

PE will be on **Tuesdays** (outdoors) and **Thursday** (indoors). Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all 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**.

Term 1 and 2 shared lessons

Our first shared lesson will take place on Monday 20th October between 2-3pm and our second shared lesson is on Friday 12th December at 8:45am. We are very excited to be able to invite parents to attend these lessons.

Nativity

The children will be performing a nativity which parents will be invited to attend instead of a class assembly.

Finally, please remember to visit our blog at: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzkwMjM0Njc2ODk1> or via the app. This is a great way to find out what we have been up to in our class.

If you have any questions, worries or queries about any of the above or other matters please don't hesitate to ask us at the door or email the office.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ross (Class Teacher)