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Welcome to Year 2

Welcome back. The children have settled very quickly into Year Two and are working very hard already. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of events that are happening over the next term.

School Uniform

The children should wear a uniform as stated in the school policy. Part of this uniform is school shoes. Training shoes are not suitable for school and jewellery should not be worn (other than watches) to school. Please make sure all of your child's clothes are labelled with their name. It's amazing how many jumpers and cardigans are misplaced.

Book Bags & Reading

The children are expected to have a book bag in school every day. If they no longer have one, they can be purchased at the office. We encourage the children to read at home each night. We would greatly appreciate it if you would support their reading by listening to them, commenting as appropriate in their reading diary and signing the diary each night to say they have read with you. It is always extremely useful to receive feedback on your child's reading at home allowing us all to work in partnership. Please could reading books be in school every day as we sometimes have extra opportunities to listen to the children read.

English

We will be reading a wide variety of texts this term including Chicken Clicking, Mole's Star, Wolfies Secret and many more. These are listed on the Autumn term planner that is with this newsletter. We study these texts as they provide many opportunities to produce high quality

writing. We will share the books we have read on Twitter regularly.

Reading Graduates

Children will have another opportunity this year to take part in the Reading Graduate scheme. A separate letter with all of the details regarding this is on the way to you.

P.E.

During the autumn term, the children will have PE including fitness. For this activity the children will need their school P.E. kit (including pumps) in school.

Homework

The children will usually receive one short piece of English homework and one short piece of maths homework per week. Homework will be given each Friday to be in on Monday. We would prefer if children would complete their homework in pencil. Homework will be sent home with your child, we will let you know if there is ever any set on Google Classroom.

Spellings

New spelling lists will be given on a Friday and will be tested in class the following Friday. The children will receive a spelling sheet on which to practise. This should be completed using the tested LOOK, SAY, COVER, SPELL, CHECK method.

Mathematics

If you wish to support your child in this area there are a number of things you can practise at home that will help them greatly. By the end of Year Two children need to be able to reliably count in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s forward and backwards so any extra practise would be great because if they are confident with this it will help with multiplication, division and fractions. Children may also need to practise counting to and from 100 reliably to help with addition and subtraction.

Autumn 1

Wednesday 11th September: School Council Elections
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Friday 13th September: School Mission Day, St Robert Bellarmine Feast Day Mass
Wednesday 25th September – Trip to Liverpool including Titanic Workshop
Friday 4th October: Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 10th October: Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness
Friday 11th October: Non-uniform day (unwanted gifts)
Monday 16th October: Pupil Progress evening
Wednesday 16th October: DT session
Friday 18th October: Harvest Festival (Y3)
Friday 25th October: Wear red or blue for say no to racism day, end of half term 3pm finish.

Autumn 2

Monday 4th November : school reopens
Wednesday 6th November: DT Session – cars
Friday 15th November: Pyjama day (Children in Need)
Friday 22nd November: Friendship Assembly and Odd Socks Day
Friday 6th December: Non-uniform day (bottles)
Tuesday 10th December: Nativity pm
Friday 13th December: Christmas fair
Tuesday 17th December: Advent Service for Juniors
Thursday 19th December: Santa Dash, Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas (1:30pm) and Christmas party