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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are very excited to welcome your children to our Year 2 class and are looking forward to getting to know you all.

We get to learn and explore lots of exciting things in Year 2 and will begin our year with the topic: 'My Place in the World.' Your child will get to know our new classroom and routines for Year 2, and as part of this Geography topic, will explore what makes up our local area, who uses it and how it's changed and could continue to develop. Please see the Year 2 Topic Web for details of all curriculum areas this term. We would encourage children who speak additional languages to talk about the topic in their home language too, as this is proven to be helpful with understanding in class.

Miss Noble teaches Year 2 Monday - Wednesday and Friday, with Mrs Band teaching each Thursday. Our Teaching Assistants, Ms Marsden and Mrs Byrne, will be supporting our class every day.

### **P.E. and Library days**

Our **indoor** P.E. day is Tuesday, and our **outdoor** P.E. day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit (**trainers**, plain blue or black shorts or PE trousers/leggings, a plain blue or white t-shirt and a plain blue or black jumper.) This should be in school all week and may be left on their peg for the term. (It is also helpful to have a spare change of clothes.)

The children will visit the school library each Tuesday afternoon; please can they have their library book in their book bag on a Tuesday. Children can also return their book any day to our class library box and then visit the library at lunchtime to get a new one.

### **Homework**

All homework will be posted on ClassDojo each Thursday.

A specific maths assignment will be set on Doodle Maths that relates to learning from that week. However, we love it when the children also complete the '5 a day' doodle maths activities to consolidate learning.

On a Friday children will receive one reading book at their reading level to share with you and a phonics 'book bag book' linked directly to their phonics lessons to read to you. This phonics book

will be at a level that will help your child practice the sounds they know. They are very costly to replace therefore we meticulously check them out each Friday and check them back in each Wednesday. Any lost or damaged books will need to be replaced as we cannot effectively run our scheme without these books. Please could all reading books be in book bags every day, thank you.

Daily reading with your child is highly recommended and makes a big difference to your child's progress. Books can be read more than once; a second or third read will help children build fluency, stamina and comprehension once they have predominantly decoded on the first read. Your child will be given a new Reading Record for you to fill in.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**

Doors open at 8.40 am. Children put away their things and settle in, ready for the day. The register is taken at 8.50 am. If you arrive in school after the register has been taken, you will need to take your child to the school office to register them. Once your child is through the hall door it is not expected that you stay. Please do not come to wave at the window of the Year 2 classroom at drop-off and pick-up as this can be unsettling for many children.

### **Dates**

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| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | SASA International Evening (A fun evening for all! It is lovely if you can bring a dish of food to share.) |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>                          | Clubs start - these will run for 5 weeks before half term and 5 weeks after half term.                     |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>                            | Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church (10.30am)                                                           |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | Parent teacher meetings                                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>                         | Parent teacher meetings                                                                                    |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> | Deep Learning week                                                                                         |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>                            | INSET Day - no children in school                                                                          |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Half Term break (Children return to school on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November).                            |

### **Communication**

If you have an urgent message regarding your child, please phone the school office as we cannot always check our messages during the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, please feel free to use ClassDojo and we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any upcoming dates or events. It is easier for us to chat or answer questions after school than in the morning when we are trying to ensure all children have a settled start to the day and feel welcomed by us.

### **How you can get involved**

If you read our topic web and think you have a related specific skill or knowledge-set that could enrich the curriculum for our Year 2 children, then do let us know via Class Dojo and we can look into arranging a visit from you to our classroom.

Best wishes,

Miss Noble and Mrs Band