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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome message from the Year 2 team 2024/25

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are as excited as we are for your children to start in Year 2. We are looking forward to a creative, productive and fun year of learning. We are equally looking forward to meeting and working in collaboration with each and every one of you.

On Tuesday 17th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

Staffing

Teachers: Mrs Haigh (Chestnut) and Mrs Vu (Elm)

TAs: Mrs Waterson and Mrs Hand

This year we will be sending out termly, year group newsletters (in addition to our weekly purple pages) to keep you up to date with our year group news and inform you of our upcoming learning.

Term 1 Learning:

Writing: The Day the Crayons Quit The Owl that was afraid of the dark	Maths: Place Value Addition and Subtraction
Computing: Computing systems and networks - Information Technology around us	Geography: Street Detectives (Maps)
RE: Christianity	Science: Animals' need for survival
PSHE: Being Me in My World	PE: Dodgeball Forest School
DT: Design and make a healthy snack	Music: Folk Songs

What will my child need and when?

Forest School

Forest School Session this term is Tuesday.

For these sessions, it is important that children are dressed in weather-appropriate clothing to remain safe. Each child must have the following items available for each session:

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Long trousers
- Wellington boots
- Spare pair of socks
- Waterproof trousers and coats
- A hats and pair of gloves (winter months)

Physical Education:

Year 2 children will need their full PE kits in school every Wednesday. Wednesday PE sessions will be taught by sports coaches from Forever Sport. Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- Trainers and/or daps

We advise that the children take their PE kits home every Friday to ensure the kit is suitable for the following week.

Home Learning Expectations

Reading:

We encourage children to read their school reading book to an adult on a daily basis. Please then record this in their reading record. We ask parents to comment in these journals as this is a great way to maintain positive attitudes towards reading and home-school contact. Reading records will be monitored by teaching staff on a weekly basis.

Homework: This year we have launched a school wide homework proforma. Children will get their homework on a Friday and are expected to complete this by the following Wednesday.

Homework will include a selection of activities for example; times tables, maths, spelling and handwriting activities.

In addition to this, children are encouraged to engage with **Doodlemaths** via <https://doodlelearning.com/> for ten minutes each day.

Non-negotiables:

Children are expected to be fully equipped with their reading record, reading book and water bottle every day - these are to be taken home at the end of every school day. All children are expected to arrive at school each morning wearing the full and correct uniform. School shoes must be worn and uniforms should not be embellished; sandals, trainers, jewellery and cosmetics are not permitted. If they arrive in school without the correct uniform then spares will be provided for the school day.

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Mrs Haigh and Mrs Vu
Year 2 Team