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Autumn 2 Information for parents and carers of children in Class 2

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back I hope everyone is ready for the hustle and bustle of the Christmas term.

Class Routines-no changes this half term.

- **Tuesdays is Forest Schools**-children will need old clothes, layers and waterproof coats as part of their kit and wellies. We can provide waterproof trousers if they are required.
- **Thursdays** is our Sports Coach day so please have PE kits in school that day. Children will be doing INDOOR PE with Mr Shimwell. **Y2** will also need their PE kit in school on **Mondays**.
- **Y3** will still need their swimming kit in school on **Thursdays**.
- Miss Wilkie will take the class **Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Gale**.
- **Thursday** will remain our library day.

Punctuality the teaching day begins at 8:50 but children can begin arriving from 8:40. It helps children with their organisation if they arrive between these times.

Reading

Y2 reading will continue as they did before half term, some children are coming towards the end of the Big Cat Scheme so will move onto our other reading scheme that is less reliant on being phonically decodable towards the end of the term. I will send information about that at the time.

Can I make a big plea that when you hear your child read at home that it's recorded in the home school book. There are also sections at the front and back for children to record books they are reading at home. Mondays and Thursdays will be the days I send Y3 children to the library to change their home reading books (unless they are following a scheme then they will bring them home Fridays like Y2). Y2 will continue to bring home books Thursday/Friday as they did last half term. For Y3 we will tick off how often children change their reading books so we can continue to monitor how often children are reading and any children who are not reading regularly. Children still need to read their school reading books as well as read other material at home so we know that they are accessing reading at the correct level as well as reading for pleasure.

Home-School Books

These books should be in school daily, this helps us record reading. It's also essential for children being able to access their passwords for online learning. I have a couple of children regularly not bringing their books which limits what they can access if they don't know their passwords.

Communication

If you have an urgent message please telephone the office, if it only needs answering though out the day/week you can contact me on Class Dojo using the messages.

Homework: has been sent home and continues as it did last half term-see the note in their homework book if you need a reminder.



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- Spellings will be set Mondays, these will almost always be done using Google Classroom. (Children and parents can access them from there) and tested Fridays.
- Times tables: I will put a note on Dojo explaining which tables each year group will be tested on weekly for this half term. Times tables will be tested Thursday mornings.

Class 2 Curriculum Coverage

Other subject areas:	
Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Ch'n will be learning about seasonal changes • RE: Ch'n will begin a new topic: INCARNATION: Why does Christmas matter to Christians? • PSHE: This half term will look at: Celebrating Difference • Geography: Polar Regions • Music: Nativity-it's that time of year again! • PE: Monday: Dance-The Gunpowder Plot Thursday: Fundamental Skills-throwing, passing, catching (with a Christmas twist) led by our Sports Coach. • Computing: This half term will focus on Technology Outside School and Lego Builders Purple Mash units. • DT: This half term will focus on structures and Christmas items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science: Ch'n will be learning about States of Matter. • RE: Ch'n will complete the last couple of weeks on 'Why is the Bible important to Christians?' Then begin a new topic INCARNATION: What is the Trinity? • PSHE: This half term will look at: Celebrating Difference • History-Rampaging Romans with geography links to Mountains and Volcanoes (Mount Vesuvius) • Music: Using the Charanga model music scheme- Exploring Feelings when you play • PE: Thursday-Dance skills (Romans Dance) led by our Sports Coach. Thursday: Swimming • Computing: This half term will focus on Coding-Purple Mash. • French: Clothes (Getting dressed in French) we will be using our MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) scheme of work-Kapow. • DT: This half term will focus on structures and Christmas items

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Goodchild

sowing seeds ~ bearing fruit ~ harvesting potential