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WELCOME TO CLASS TWO.

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to the new year as we have many exciting things booked in the diary already! I am sure that this will be a happy and successful year as we work together to ensure the best educational opportunities for the children in Class 2. They have made a wonderful start so far and have showed me how hard working they are!

With me are a great team of teaching assistants who contribute so much to the children's learning. We also have Julie Smith who will be teaching swimming on Thursdays at 1.30pm and Mr Chidgey from Premier Sports who will be teaching PE on Tuesdays afternoons.

The curriculum coverage in the core subjects for this term will be as follows:

RE Family - Beginnings.

Belonging - Signs and Symbols.

Loving - Preparations.

Advent/Christmas.

English Phonics - Read, Write inc.

Guided reading and comprehension.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Writing - Fiction, poetry, information texts.

Maths Counting, place value, number sequences, addition and subtraction.

Topic - Geography - Where in the world? (first half of term)

History - Remembrance Day (second half of term)

Science - Habitats and Space

Design Technology - Sewing.

Computing - Online safety, animation and publishing.

Homework - Reading - If your child has read please write this in the home reading log with comments where appropriate. **Reading Books will be changed 2 or 3 times a week.**

We will also be sending home a weekly piece of homework which will have a different focus each time to consolidate what has been done in class.

Spellings will be given out once a week. We will have a small spelling test on Friday mornings.

Monty the Marvellous Mathematician - Monty is new to Class 2. He enjoys doing practical maths with the children at home. Each week a child will be chosen to borrow Monty for the weekend to do a maths activity. This will then be shown to the rest of the Class on a Tuesday afternoon.

Dates for your diaries -

Monday 11th September - Our first 'Wow Event' of the year! Don't forget to ask your child about it - it's a Science theme.

Friday 6th October 9.30am - Harvest Festival in the school hall.

Friday 20th October - INSET day.

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October - Parent/teacher meetings.

Friday 10th November - School photos.

Friday 24th November - Mufti day.

Wednesday 7th December 6.00pm - Nativity Play.

Thursday 8th December 6.00pm - Nativity Play.

Wednesday 20th December - Carol concert.

Date to be confirmed - Sports festival at Bishop Fox's School.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to these occasions.

To help your children settle in quickly and happily in their new class, it will be helpful if they arrive **in the classroom** from 8.50-9.00am in the correct uniform and properly equipped for the day.

PE kits should be kept in school in a clearly named drawstring bag so that it hangs easily from a hook and is available every day.

Swimming kit will be needed on Thursdays.

It would be useful if you could provide a named colouring/activity book for your child for use during wet playtimes.

It would also be helpful if you could provide a box of tissues for us to use throughout the year. The sniffles have started already!

Wellies!!

We are very lucky to be developing a wonderful outdoor learning area which is situated behind the sports hall.

Mrs Marchant, a teaching assistant in Class 2, is going to take groups of children to do some outdoor learning each week. There will be a different focus each time related to the curriculum. We also have use of the 'hobbit house' which your child may have already visited during Class 1.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children, but to take part, I would like to ask your child to keep a pair of named wellies at school so that we can use the area as much as possible throughout the year, whatever the weather! There may be some weeks that we will request spare clothes for mucky activities!

ALL other equipment, clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles MUST also be clearly named to avoid upsets and misunderstandings.

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, which provides a healthy snack for all the KS1 children will be continuing this year. Milk is available to order through the 'cool milk' company.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have already volunteered to help in class 2 this term. You ease the organisation and delivery of the curriculum, so many thanks!

I am looking for helpers on a Friday afternoon to come and sew puppets with the children until Christmas. If you feel that you can help, please come and tell me.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to come in and see me. I'll look forward to meeting you all during the next few weeks.

Regards from,
Miss Gabler.