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Dear Families of Year 2,

What an amazing start to Year 2 we are having!! I am really enjoying getting to know your children and foresee a very exciting year ahead. The children are settled, happy and ready to learn!

Below is some information about the Autumn term in Year 2 that I hope will be helpful. I also look forward to meeting those who are able to make the **'Meet the Teacher' session**, which is **Tuesday 15th September at 9.10am** in the Year 2 classroom. (Slides will also be posted on Google Classroom and the school website if you are unable to attend)

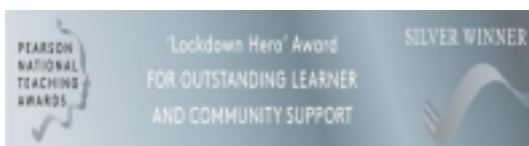
Staffing

I will be teaching Year 2 throughout the week, apart from on Thursday afternoons where Mrs Dobbs will be leading the children's learning in Music and Computing. Supporting our teaching will be Mrs Chamila, Mrs O'Dell & Miss Deje. We are also grateful to have a regular volunteer who will be coming in to hear the children read.

Phonics and Reading Books

I am excited to inform you that we are changing the way we teach phonics, reading and writing this year. Mrs Zimet will be sending out more details on this shortly. Things to note:

1. The children will be assessed and split into smaller groups of between 6-10 children. For the whole week, each group will share one book so that they become really familiar with it and will be able to read it fluently as well as gain a good understanding of the story plot. This book will then be sent home at the end of the week for you to listen to your child reading, alongside a book with a similar theme and 'green' and 'red' words. The children in the group will all be reading the same book; please be aware that during this transition period, some children in years 2 and 3 may be taking home books they have already read. It is likely that the children will enjoy the familiarity of knowing the book; the aim is that they should be able to read it confidently, fluently (around 98% accuracy) and with a good level of comprehension.
2. Please continue to record the reading that you do at home in the yellow reading record which will be provided to you.
3. Children need to bring their yellow reading records and reading books into school every day, so we can keep up-to-date with their reading progress.
4. Books will be changed **every Thursday**, in line with the phonics sounds and vocabulary taught in school that week. Please ensure **all books are returned on Thursday mornings** so we can organise and send home the correct new books.





Homework

Homework will be set every **Thursday** and should be handed in by the following **Tuesday**. Tasks will continue to be set via Google Classroom and we ask that children complete activities neatly in their green homework books. (To be sent home shortly) These should be completed in addition to daily reading.

P.E. Kits

P.E. will be taught on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. We are starting the Autumn term with ball skills on Mondays and fundamental skills (like skipping) on Wednesdays.

Please ensure your child wears their full P.E. kit into school on these days. As we now head into Autumn and the weather changes, please ensure the children have hoodies and joggers/ long bottoms for the cold. We will try to get outside as much as we can!

Please note: earrings and jewelry **cannot** be worn for P.E. Please remove earrings on P.E. days.

Class Wish List

We are always hugely grateful for any support our families can offer. As the cough and cold season approaches, we would appreciate any donations of tissues. If possible, please also send your child in with their own personal glue stick. I will also be posting an updated wish list on our class page very soon. Watch this space!

Communication

Please use the admin@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk and year2@stmarys.916.herts.sch.uk email address to let us know about any alternative arrangements for going home, to book an appointment or discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and to supporting your children as they continue to develop both academically and personally.

Kind Regards,

Ms Lee

Ms. S. Lee

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Reading book & record into school	Reading book & record into school	Reading book & record into school	Book change day	Reading book & record into school
PE Kits	Homework due	PE Kits	Reading book & record into school	
			Homework published on Google Classroom	

