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Dear parents,

I would like to welcome you to Year 2, where we have lots of exciting and engaging learning planned!

I hope all is well with you and that the new year has begun well and your child has enjoyed the start of Year 2, especially in these most challenging times, my name is Miss Lambert and I am your child's teacher this year. I am looking forward to building up a good working relationship with you to make the coming year a happy and successful one for your child. This letter outlines the learning that will take place this Autumn term.

### **Religion**

For Religious Education we use the scheme 'The Way, the Truth and the Life'. This term, children will be learning about Chosen People and how we are all special. We will also hear the stories of Moses, Abraham and Daniel and respond to these through Scripture.

### **Writing**

We will be exploring stories with familiar settings, identifying characters, settings, and story language used by the author. As part of our topic the children will write stories, letters, reports, diary entries and eye witness accounts.

There will be a big focus on vocabulary and grammar when speaking, reading and writing. We will be looking at the four different sentence types: command, exclamation, statement and question. We will use interesting vocabulary to make our writing more interesting for the reader.

This term we will continue to follow the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. The children will also investigate and learn strategies to help with spelling. Children will learn to spell the common exception words for Year 2 and revise the Year 1 spelling list.

### **Reading**

Reading is very important. Children only become good readers by reading daily and being read to.

Your child will continue to read high level texts and will be heard read by a member of staff at least once a week. The children will also get the opportunity to engage in a Guided Reading group once a week. In this session the teacher leads the children in reading, discussion, questions and answers. This is a great opportunity to discuss higher level reading skills. **We encourage pupils to read at home every night, preferably to an adult. Please sign, date and write a comment in the reading record. Please ensure that your child has his/her reading book and reading record in school every day.** Children will also take a book of their choice from our class library, this is to develop their reading skills and also develop a love of reading.

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is 'Into the Forest' the curriculum map is attached to this letter. During the term we will be looking at Microhabitats in our school grounds, finding green spaces in our local area and looking at the artists Andy Goldsworthy and Georgia O'Keeffe. Please take a look at the curriculum map to give you an idea of our learning so that you can support your child at home.

## **Maths**

This half term we will be studying different concepts and problem solving through:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Money
- Multiplication

Regular mental arithmetic tests will be given.

Pupils are expected to learn

- Number bonds to 10, 20 & 100.
- Multiplication tables and related division facts (x2, x5, x10, x3)

By the end of Year 2 children are expected to know and apply 2, 5, 10 & 3 times tables.

## **PHSE**

This term the children will be doing activities associated with meditation and emotions. PHSE will involve circle time and will also be linked to our religion topics and our Physical Education.

## **PE**

PE is a very important part of our curriculum; children not only learn skills but also the link between exercise and a healthy lifestyle. This year to reduce the risk of infection children should come to school wearing their PE kit - navy shorts, a white t-shirt, socks and black trainers, during the colder month's children should wear navy tracksuit, white t-shirt and black trainers (no logos should be visible). For the Autumn term Year 2 have PE on Thursday.

## **Homework**

All homework will be given out on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday. Maths will be based on what your child has learnt that week or what they will be learning the following week. English will consist of up to ten spellings and a reading comprehension. Athletics: Up to six activities will be given weekly. Religion will also be part of our homework.

## **Ways to help your child**

- Please ensure that your child is in school by 8:50am each day ready to start lessons at 9:00am.
- Hear your child read daily and write a comment in their reading record books.
- Talk to your child about his / her school day
- Ensure that your child learns his/her spellings
- Ensure all homework is carefully completed and handed in on time
- Teach your child the time and the concept of money.

Parents, I am delighted to be teaching your child this year and I hope it will be a very happy and successful year for all of us.

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns about your child's learning. I will be very happy to meet with you and by working together we can do the best for your child.

Ms Paterson