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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! It has been lovely to meet all of the children and we are very impressed with how quickly they have settled back into school life and adapted to their new classrooms and teachers.

Overleaf you will find a theme overview for this first half of the Autumn Term, detailing our learning objectives. Our theme is 'My world' this half term. We will be thinking about the geography of our local and national world, what humans need to survive and exploring our emotions and relationships with each other.

Our PE days this year are **Monday and Wednesday** and children should arrive at school in their PE kit on these days please. Please note that Mondays PE lesson will be weather dependent and pupils may take part in theoretical or skill based indoor learning if the weather is inclement.

Our PPA sessions are on Tuesdays and *some* children will go on Out and About. The list for Out and About will be in the newsletter every Friday and you will receive a text if your child is in this group. Out and About children will need to wear clothes suitable for outdoor learning and sensible, comfortable footwear please. Our PPA is led by Mrs Johnson, Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Cox and Mrs W. Webb. Your child may be doing Art, Geography, Music or going Out and About.

We will give spellings to all children on Mondays to practise during the week, and they will be tested on Fridays. Please encourage your child to practise often, every day if possible, to help them retain new words and spelling patterns.

Maths challenge books will be sent home every Friday. Please bring them back into school by the following Thursday.

One of the most effective ways you can support your child's learning is through their reading. Reading is so very important to children's learning and progress and we are keen to send reading books home with children. All children should have brought a reading book home which is linked to the phonics we are delivering in class. The book they bring home may be a shared read-where they may need some support to read sounds they have yet to learn at in school. Please continue to hear your children read daily or read to them for 10 minutes. We ask that they read a book 3 times (unless reading longer, chapter books) before returning it for a new one. You will find ways to support your child with their reading in the front of their reading diaries. Read, read, read is our motto!

We would ask that all children have a water bottle in school each day. They will have a fruit snack provided each morning. Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fun and successful year!

Yours sincerely,

The year 2 team - 2KA - Mrs Arnell, Ms Gibbins, Mrs Cox, Mrs Hiscock and Mrs Jacobs.



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