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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new term and the new school year. We are looking forward to working with your children and yourselves over the course of the next year.

### **Curriculum**

We are excited to tell you about many fun learning opportunities for Class 2 this term. We will be starting our writing unit off by making some bird feeders for our outside area. We will then use this to learn how to write instructions. We will also begin the school year with some E-bug lessons where we look at hygiene and germs. The children will be following our excellent reading and spelling scheme called 'Routes to Reading' and 'Spelling with the Jungle Club'. This scheme follows on directly from their learning in Year 1 (same platform – FFT) and it will allow the children the opportunity to reconsolidate their phonics, while learning new sounds and spelling rules.

In D.T. this term we will be making our own party food! During this project, the children will be tasting and handling food. Please do let us know if your child has any allergies or intolerances or religious or cultural reasons why they cannot taste or handle foods. Our termly and yearly overview (on the class website page) will give you more information about the learning that will take place over this term.

### **Homework – reading and Doodle**

The most important help you can offer your child is hearing them read as often as possible (the target is 20 minutes a day) and taking time to discuss the stories and pictures. Children that share books at home make significantly more progress than those who don't. Questioning the understanding of what your child is reading is so important, particularly questions that ask how the children know something. This encourages them to identify particular words within the book. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with their reading book, as we do have many volunteer readers in school.

We would like to take this opportunity to also remind you that children should be completing homework each week through our online app called **Doodle**. We are

aiming for a total of 20-30 minutes a week spread across the maths, English and spelling platforms.

### **P.E. and Forest School**

P.E. lessons will take place on **Thursdays** with Forest School every **Monday afternoon**. Please ensure that the children have their P.E. kit in school and long hair is tied back. We also require the children to bring in outdoor shoes and long sleeved tops and bottoms for Monday afternoon's forest school sessions. Even if the weather is warmer, we still ask for the children to have their arms and legs covered for safety reasons.

Please remember to check Class 2's class news section on the school website to see weekly updates and photos. We are all really looking forward to the coming year. If you have any queries, please do speak to one of us.

Thank you,

Mrs Shirra, Mrs Harle, Mrs Gardiner and Miss Hayes