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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 2

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school and to the start of an exciting year. This half term in English, we will be looking at a book called *The Pirate Next Door* and this unit of work will support the children in developing their writing skills and teaching them how to write short narratives and descriptions. Our geography topic is 'What a Wonderful World' and we will be naming and locating the continents and oceans. In maths, we will be enhancing their understanding of place value and number and encouraging them to secure their number knowledge to 100. We will be taking an in depth look into everyday materials in Science and discovering what their uses are in everyday life.

Phonics continues to be a focus for children in Year 2 and we will be working daily on delivering the Little Wandle programme. In Year 2 we will spend the first term recapping phase 5 phonics before moving on to embedding spelling patterns. In line with this, your child will also bring home weekly spellings; these will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

For some children reading will continue to be taught in three different sessions across the week in school; these include decoding, prosody and comprehension. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

**A reading practice book.** This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. (This will be sent home on a Friday and returned to school on a Monday)

**A reading for pleasure book.** Your child should be able to read the majority of this on their own. This book will give you and your child the opportunity to read and discuss the story or text and help to improve your child's understanding. (This will be sent home on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday)

Once your child has exited the Little Wandle reading scheme they will be given a coloured level book.

All children are expected to read at least four times per week at home for example, a child may read their reading practise book twice and their pleasure book twice. Once they have read four times, a stamp will be added to their bookmark. Once the children reach ten stamps, they will receive a prize in the celebration assembly.

We would politely ask that the children come dressed in their PE kits on the days they have PE, the children are not required to bring any PE bags into school as they will already wearing their PE kit which consists of white t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms/ leggings and their school jumper. Please ensure PE kits are in line with the school uniform policy.

### **Your child will have PE on the following days:**

Mondays and Thursdays

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you all!

Miss Schumm and Mrs Chipchase  
Year 2 teachers

