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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Two!

Welcome to the start of the new school year. I hope you had a lovely summer break, and your child was looking forward to returning to school and re-establishing their friendships and daily school routines. It has been wonderful to see how settled and happy the children have been during their first week in Year Two. We would like to say thank you very much for all of the photographs, postcards, leaflets and scrapbooks. They have really helped the children to talk about the types of places they visited during the holidays and have supported their learning this week.

I would like to introduce you to our Year Two team. This year our teaching staff will be Mrs Bull (class 8), Miss Duggleby/Mrs Pocklington (class 10) and myself, Mrs Cowan (class 9). We are fortunate to have very hardworking teaching assistants to support us and the children: Mrs Barnes (Mon/Tue), Miss Bielby, Mrs Cantrell, Mrs Clark, Mrs Hunter-Howard (Wed-Fri) and Miss Speck (Wed-Fri).

Mrs Cantrell and Mrs Hunter-Howard will be covering teachers' planning and preparation time each week, so you will sometimes see them greeting/releasing classes. Mrs Cantrell is also our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) specialist and will support children who need extra nurturing.

We will continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme for phonics and reading. Lessons will re-commence on Monday 9th September; therefore, your child will bring home their first reading books next week. Please make sure that all reading books and yellow reading record books are returned on the date shown in your child's reading record. On Fridays, some children will bring home words to practise reading and/or spellings to practise for the following week.

Your child will also be given the opportunity to bring home a book from their class library to share with you or to read independently. These books can be returned to class when finished and swapped for a new one on any day.

PE days will be as follows from Monday 9th September:

Mondays – class 9 with Mrs Cowan
Wednesdays - class 10 with Mrs Pocklington
Thursdays - class 8 with Mrs Bull

Please could all children come to school on these days ready for PE and they will stay in their PE kit all day. Our PE lessons will be indoors this term so children will need to wear shorts and a t-shirt. They may wear a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms over the top if they wish. Please remember that for safety reasons hair should always be tied back where possible, and earrings removed or taped.

Each week all of the Year Two children will come together for a special assembly to celebrate children who have been having a birthday and to present awards such as NUMBOTS certificates. They will also enjoy other class assemblies and a special whole school celebration assembly. We also have a session which we call 'Friends Friday', when on a Friday afternoon the children are able to choose to play with their friends across the year group either in the classroom or in our outside area. This is very popular and is a well-deserved reward each week for working hard and keeping our school's 'Golden Rules'.

In Year Two the children will begin to record more work in books, but please still look out for occasional class updates and celebrations through Tapestry. We would appreciate it if you 'like' anything that you read.

We will soon be starting an exciting topic about buildings and structures, linked to the story *Iggy Peck Architect* and we would really like to inspire the children with a visit from a real-life architect. Therefore, if you are able to help, or know someone who might, please speak to me or leave details with the school office.

You can read more about our exciting curriculum for this half term on the school website by following this link.

This year you can support your child at home by:

- listening to them read their home reading books
- helping them to practise reading any sounds or words that they bring home
- helping them to practise any spellings that they bring home
- encouraging them to practise maths skills by playing NUMBOTS regularly
- looking out for special homework activities and encouraging your child to complete them.

We are sure that your child will have a happy and successful time in Year 2. If you have any queries please contact the office to arrange a convenient time to speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a successful year.

Mrs H Cowan (Year 2 Leader)