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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 2 - The Mandarin Ducks

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer. We have had a brilliant start to year 2 with some very enthusiastic reactions to our dinosaur topic and excitement about our dinosaur themed trip.

PE

Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school all week including outdoor trainers. We aim to complete a daily run and children change into trainers to join in with this. If your child has pierced ears, they must be able to take out their earrings and put them back in again independently. Please see the uniform policy for more details.

Water

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Fruit juice or squash is not permitted.

Play time snack

In year 2 children have a snack at morning break. Your child will continue to receive a free piece of fruit each day at break time. If you have paid for your child to have milk they will also receive this.

Reading

We have already been really impressed with the children's reading and they have shown brilliant enthusiasm for books. It is important to read with your child every day, if possible. This should be for a minimum of 10 minutes to help your child enjoy their time reading. Please see the Book Banding letter and booklet for more information on how to help your child at home. Children are in reading groups in year 2 and an adult will hear your child read within their group at least once a week.

Home learning

Your child will receive a homework folder containing a home learning book and a homework sheet with suggested activities. We will share and celebrate home learning during the **last week of each term**. If your child finds an activity very difficult please do let me know and we can practice this during class rather than worrying about this at home. You will also receive a topic web which shows which parts of the curriculum your child is learning this term. This can also be found on the Year 2 page of our school website.



SATs

At the end of Year 2 children will complete statutory assessment tests in reading and maths set by the Government. These inform our ongoing teacher assessments. We would rather that children did not worry about these tests and in practice they are kept very low key; often children ask when they are going to do their SATs when in fact they already have!

Collection of your child

If someone other than a parent is collecting your child please let us know. Any regular arrangements concerning the collection of your child can be put in writing and given to your child's teacher or the school office.

We hope that your child enjoys their time in year 2. Please do speak to me if you have any questions or worries.

Best wishes,

Miss Woodford and Mrs Hawkins