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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Happy New Year!**

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday. We are very excited to welcome the class back and to continue our learning journey into 2023. We would like to say a big thank you for all of the cards, gifts and well-wishes we received. They were very much appreciated.

Welcome to our new families, we look forward to welcoming your children into our year 2 family.

As we move further into year 2 we build on the children's growing confidence as learners and have the topic By The Sea to take us up to Easter with a history and geography focus.

**Here are a few standard notices and reminders for you, please familiarise yourself with them and do ask us if you have any questions.**

### **PE**

Whilst we have forest school PE will be on Tuesday afternoons. Once forest school finishes we will also have PE on Thursday afternoons.

Please ensure all PE kits are in school throughout the week and will endeavour to teach our sessions outside as much as possible. A pair of jogging bottoms or leggings are also warmer than shorts when children are taking part in PE outside!

If you wish for your child's trainers to go home for the weekend, then please let us know and we will do their best to send them home with your child. If your child has pierced ears, they must be able to take out earrings on their own as teachers are unable to assist them. If they cannot, they will not be able to take part in PE. Please refer to the uniform policy for details.

### **Forest School**

This term we have three more sessions in Forest School on Monday afternoons.

9<sup>th</sup> January

16<sup>th</sup> January

23<sup>rd</sup> January

Please ensure your child is dressed in plenty of warm layers and brings in wellington boots for the afternoon on these dates. They may come to school in their forest school clothes.

### **Term 3 & 4 RSHE Content for Year Two**

As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 3	<b>Dreams and goals</b> - choosing realistic goals, to carry on trying when it gets difficult, recognising who I work well with, sharing success with other people
Term 4	<b>Healthy Me</b> - knowing what I need to keep my body healthy, showing what relaxed means, understanding how medicines work, sorting food group and understanding which foods give us energy.

The vocabulary used will be:

Term 3	Realistic, proud, success, achievement, goals Strengths, persevere, challenge, difficult, easy, teamwork, celebrate Learning together, problem solving Dreams
Term 4	Healthy choices, lifestyle, motivation Relax, relaxation, tense, calm Healthy, unhealthy, dangerous, medicines, safe Balanced diet, portion, proportion Energy, fuel, nutritious

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

### **Water**

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day. This is very important as your child does need to be able to access a drink when they are thirsty throughout the day. Fruit juice or squash is not permitted but feel free to pop a slice of fruit in!

### **Birthday celebrations**

As part of our healthy school approach, we are no longer able to hand out sweets, cakes or gifts to the class from the birthday girl or boy! We will still mark the special of their birthday with a special sticker to go home with and a birthday card that the children have made.

### **Playtime snack**

Year 2 receive free government fruit each day as in the Autumn term, alternatively you can provide your child with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable - named or in a named bag/plastic (please cut up grapes!).

### **Reading and Book Bags:**

We are about to begin the Year 2 Next Steps Rocket Phonics programme, and this will consolidate all the phonics teaching your child has received in Reception and Year 1. The next steps programme will also build on spelling rules and handwriting. Children will have daily phonic lessons to develop their reading and spelling.

Please send your child in with their book bag every day. The comments in your child's reading diary really help to track your child's reading at home, thank you very much for your support in this.

### **Medication**

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure that you bring it to the school office in a named container along with the prescription requirements - please ask the office for a form to complete and sign.

**Communication with your class teacher**

If you have any questions, concerns, or information regarding, absence and changes to pick arrangements please continue to email the school office and they will pass this on.

**Collection at home time**

Please ensure that a designated adult is on the playground by 3:05 pm to allow us to hand your child across the playground. Please leave as promptly as possible when you have collected all of your children. Many thanks for your help with this.

If you have any other questions about Year 2, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope your child continues to enjoy their learning journey this year!

Best wishes

Ms Carolan and Mrs Miles