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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and a very warm welcome to Year 2!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. I am certainly looking forward to the adventures, learning, and achievements that we will share together throughout the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is **Miss Walker**, and I am delighted to be teaching your children this year. I am excited to get to know each child and support them as they learn and grow.

If you have any questions, concerns, or information that you feel would be helpful for me to know, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You are welcome to send a note, speak to me at the classroom door, or arrange a convenient time to meet if a longer conversation is needed.

Our first topic of the year is 'Where in the World' where we will be exploring the world around us and using our location skills to discover new places. If you would like to know more information, please see the attached topic web, which is also available on the school website.

Towards the end of term as part of our science topic, we will have the exciting opportunity to watch chicks hatch and learn all about them.

Independence

As the children move into Year 2, they may experience a mixture of excitement and a few nervous butterflies as they settle into a new classroom environment and get to know a new teaching team. Throughout the year, we will encourage the children to develop greater independence, particularly in taking responsibility for remembering their homework and reading records. Children should bring a named water bottle to school each day to keep in the classroom. We will also encourage them to use break and lunchtime to visit the toilet and have a drink, helping to minimise interruptions to learning during lessons.

Fresh fruit is available daily through the Key Stage 1 fruit scheme. However, if your child prefers, they are also welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home to enjoy at morning break time.

The children will enter the school through the blue door located by the Library and Staff Room, where they will be welcomed by a member of staff. They will then make their way independently to the classroom, where they will begin their morning activity and settle in ready for the start of the school day.

General

- **P.E. lessons** take place on **Tuesdays (Hockey)** and **Wednesdays (Dodgeball)**. Children with pierced ears should either be able to remove their own earrings, cover them with plasters, or, ideally, avoid wearing earrings to school on P.E. days.
- **Reading journals** will be checked each week, and reading books will be changed on **Fridays**.
- Please ensure that **all clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled** with your child's name, either using a name label or an indelible pen.

Reading

Each child will be provided with a **reading journal**, which will be used to record their reading, homework, and any important messages. We greatly value your support in continuing to hear your child read regularly at home, as this plays a vital role in developing their confidence and enjoyment of reading.

Reading books will be changed on **Fridays**, and we encourage children to read the same book at least **four times**. Repeated reading helps to build fluency, improve comprehension, and strengthen their recognition of words.

Information regarding homework and spellings will follow soon.

We have already enjoyed a fantastic start to the year, and I am very much looking forward to working with both you and your children over the coming months. Together, I am sure we will have a happy, successful, and rewarding year ahead!

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need. If any questions, worries, or concerns arise throughout the year, please feel free to send a note or arrange a phone call, and I will be happy to help.

Many thanks,

Miss Walker
Mrs Boshier and Miss Dobson
Year 2 Class Teacher and Team.