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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 2. We are delighted that the children have come back to school with great enthusiasm and are all so eager to learn. They are also looking really smart in their uniforms—please remember to put names on all their clothing and shoes. We look forward to a great first term together with lots of learning.



Religious Education – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying the three topics: *Beginnings* (our Domestic Church Topic); *Signs and Symbols* (a Sacraments topic); and *Preparations* (the Advent & Christmas topic). We will also learn more about Judaism this term. Please spend some time reading some stories from the Bible with your child.



English and Our Book Based Curriculum – this term we have some really exciting books to explore and the children will be able to bring home a copy. Please make sure that your child brings the book to school each day so that we can use them in the lesson, and, of course, please make sure that the books are looked after.

We are starting with *Cinderella* which I am sure most of the children are already familiar with. The children will be learning about story writing and all the ingredients that go into a story to make it more exciting, building up to one that they can write themselves. We will then be moving on to *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, poetry writing and finally finishing with the Christmas story towards the end of the term.



Maths – the children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving through Maths Makes Sense. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their number bonds and multiplication tables – I will send home times tables activities with your child's homework every few weeks.



PE: Please ensure children have their **PE kit** in school **at all times**. The usual day for PE is Monday. Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write your child's name on all their clothing.



Homework will be sent home on Thursday and pupils must return their homework by the following Tuesday morning. Homework will be based around learning times tables, spelling words and projects linked to their class book or topic in class. Reading is also a major part of your child's homework so I ask that you spend a few minutes each day reading together and then record it in their Home/School diary. I will check reading records each week and a visual reading chart will be displayed in classroom to celebrate all our reading.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year teaching your children. Thank you for your continued support already this term, it has been greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Flaherty and Mrs Cripwell