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Autumn Newsletter – Year 2

Dates for your Diary

6th September – Autumn Term Begins

9th October – Meet the Teacher (more info to follow).

19th October – Pedestrian Skills Workshop

20th October – Last day of Half Term

30th October – Half Term Begins

17th November – Child in Need Day

12th December – Christmas Performance

13th December – Christmas Performance

19th December – Christmas Craft

21st December – Christmas Party

22nd December – End of Autumn Term

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the school year ahead!

This year, the Year 2 team is made up of Miss Cannell (the Zebras class) and Miss Crellin (the Koalas class).

Please can reading books and records be brought in each day, along with a named water bottle and a healthy snack. Please be reminded that no nut products are allowed in school due to allergies.

Please note that once reading records are complete, we will not be issuing new ones, as they are not used in KS2.

The Zebras will have their PE lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday and the Koalas on Monday and Wednesday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of the half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and

earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

Stay and Read

Stay and Read will begin on Friday 13th October. More information to follow.

Home Learning

There will be Maths and Phonics activities uploaded weekly on to Its Learning, which will support the in class learning that has taken place. Additional activities and links will also be available for anyone who would like to complete extra learning at home. If anyone is unsure of their Its Learning login, please let us know.

After October half term Phonics Learning Logs will be sent home on weekly basis, following a similar format to Year 1.

Outdoor Learning

As a school we are delighted with our Forest School Area and we will be incorporating this into our learning as much as possible. Every Tuesday in Year 2 we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a



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Tuesday Year 2 need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Tuesday for Year 2. Please ensure the children have a change of shoes, so will don't bring too much mud back into the building!

Explorers (Autumn 1 focus)

Throughout Autumn 1, we will be discovering important explorers who have had a significant impact on the world today. We are focusing on well-known explorers, such as Charles Darwin and Neil Armstrong, alongside learning about explorers the children may not be familiar with, such as Amelia Earhart. The children will be learning about the equipment, skills and courage the individuals had to complete their expeditions.

Isle of Man – Basic Map Skills (Autumn 2 focus)

In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on developing our map skills, looking at the purpose and features of maps. We will be looking into the meaning of map symbols, enabling the children to independently read maps. The children will be using places on the Isle of Man, such as Onchan School grounds, their local area and Molly Quirks Glen to create their own maps, applying their knowledge of writing directions and basic symbols.

Home-school communication

Reminders will be posted on Dojo (whole class and individual messages if needed). Please ensure you check Dojo regularly. If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all.

Letters will continue to be emailed, therefore please make sure school has an up-to-date email address.

**If you have any questions please just ask.
Miss Cannell and Miss Crellin**