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## Autumn Newsletter – Year 2

### Dates for your Diary

**7<sup>th</sup> September** – Autumn Term Begins

**28<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 2 Dance Workshop

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – Meet the Teacher (more info to follow)

**19<sup>th</sup> October** – Rock Kidz Workshop

**17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Book Fair Week

**21<sup>st</sup> October** – Last day of Half Term

**31<sup>st</sup> October** – Half Term Begins

**15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Pedestrian Skills Workshop

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performance (am)

**20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Party

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** – End of Autumn Term

### Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This year, the Year 2 team is made up of Miss Corkill (the Dolphins class and KS1 Phase Leader) and Miss Cannell (the Zebras class).

Reading books need to be in school every day. If your child has a reading record this should also be in school, but please note once it is complete, we will not be issuing new ones.

The Dolphins reading books will be changed on a Monday and the Zebras on a Tuesday. Please read a variety of texts with your child at home alongside their school books.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to help keep them hydrated all day and a healthy snack for mid-morning. No nut products are allowed due to allergies in school and ideally the snack provided should be fruit or vegetable where possible.

The Dolphins will have PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday and the Zebras 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 each half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

### 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 Thursday in Year 2 we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Thursday Year 2 need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Thursday for Year 2.



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### **How Can We Help Earth? (Autumn 1 focus)**

This topic has proven to be very interesting in the past and the children always impress with their imaginative ideas! We will be learning about climate change, renewable energy and recycling as a starting point, but will also see where those discussions lead us! Please let us know if you have any resources or information that would be useful for this learning, we would love to hear from you!

### **Roald Dahl (Autumn 2 focus)**

After October half term, we will be learning about Roald Dahl. This will include biographical information, as well as exploring some of his books and characters. During this topic we will also discuss Sustainable Development Goal 1, which is related to Poverty, through the use of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

### **Christmas**

You will notice Christmas dates listed above. There will be more information about these closer to the time.

### **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 Corkill and Miss Cannell**