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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are now ready for the new school year ahead. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year with your children.

This is the Year 1 and 2 team:

- Mrs Priest - KS1 Phase Leader & Year 2 Class Teacher (Monday to Thursday)
- Mrs Subritzky - Year 2 Class Teacher (Friday)
- Mrs Rowntree - Year 1 Class Teacher (Monday to Wednesday)
- Mrs Thompson - Year 1 Class Teacher (Thursday and Friday)
- Mrs Perks - KS1 Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Downing - KS1 Teaching Assistant

Please find a copy of the topics we will be covering on the school website. The new long-term plan is now in place and we will start the year with the topic 'Ourselves!'.

Please do email us as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding your child, however trivial they may seem. We are always happy to help and can also arrange to meet with you at a mutually convenient time. We have included our e-mail at the end of the letter. We will endeavour to reply to these as soon as possible (usually 2 to 3 days) but will obviously be unable to check or reply during the school day or during holiday periods. Anyone needing a quick response should phone the school in the usual way.

There is a Year 1/2 information page on the school website, where you will be able to find copies of letters, homework and information about curriculum activities. Please notify the school office if you do not want pictures or videos of your child used on the website. Activities in the classroom may sometimes involve children baking or eating so it is therefore very important that you let us know at the start of the year if your child has any food allergies or if you do not want them to be involved in food tasting.

P.E

In KS1 each child has their own peg, near to their classroom. This is for larger items such as coats and PE kits. PE sessions will take place across the week for all classes so it is advisable to leave PE kits in school all week and take them home to wash at the weekend.

Throughout the year, at some point, all classes will access PE sessions with Mr Sellars. Mr Sellars is a PE specialist Teacher and will work with Teachers to deliver a range of lessons.

Please note: School PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt and black shorts. Football kits are not appropriate for PE sessions. Earrings must be removed for PE and if your child has pierced ears they



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must be able to remove earrings by themselves. Any child who cannot remove their earrings will not be able to take part in P.E. Please also ensure long hair is tied up. Trainers will be needed for outdoor PE and perhaps a tracksuit or black jogging bottoms for the colder months. A spare pair of socks would be helpful to have in school at all times and a separate carrier bag for wet shoes. Please notify us in writing or by e-mail in advance if your child is unable to participate in PE for any reason.

Reading- Split into three categories

Each week your child will be given a **home reading book**. This will go out on a Monday each week from now on. This book is required to be brought back into school the following Monday, ready to be swapped by the Teacher for another home reader book. These books are in line with the level of phonics which your child is reading at and will only contain sounds which they are able to segment and blend.

Each week in school, your child will read with an adult. This book is known as a **guided reading book** and at the end of the week on the Friday, an electronic copy of the book that your child has read that week, will be sent out. This is via E-Collins website and we will provide you with a log in for your child and directions on how to use the site in a separate letter. Please do re-visit past books, which stay on your child's account for a while, to embed phonic knowledge.

We ask that as part of their homework, children read these two books with an adult three times a week.

In both classes we also have a library of **sharing books**. Your child is welcome to take home one of these books at any point in the week and bring back to swap when they have read this with you. These are books for you to talk and read through together to develop a love of reading. Please note, the sharing books are optional and there if you are wanting to borrow a book to read.

Spellings - Year 2 only (Year 1 will start in the Spring term)

Spellings for the week will be sent home on a Friday and those same spellings will be tested on the following Friday. Please note, a copy of all the spellings for each half term are available on the school website for you, but a paper copy of the spellings for each week will still be given out at the start of each half term. These spellings follow the spelling rules for the end of KS1 and Year 2 pupils will put these patterns into practice during their phonics sessions each week.

Homework - Maths

Children will be given their Maths NumBots/TTRockstars login details this week. They can log in on a device at home and work their way through the sections and levels on NumBots (for Year 1 and Year 2 pupils) or develop their knowledge of times tables on TTRockstars (Year 2 pupils). More information about how to use NumBots and TTRockstars will be given at the Welcome meeting on Tuesday 19th September - 6pm.

We look forward to a successful and fun year ahead!

Best Wishes

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