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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Two

The children appear to be settling in well and getting used to life in Year Two. They are now the oldest children in the Infant Department and will set good examples for the younger children.

There are just a few items that we need to bring to your attention at this point:

1. PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays so PE kit will be needed on both days.

Children who do not have appropriate kit will not be able to take part; it is not hygienic to borrow kit from other children.

2. Spelling homework will be sent home most weeks and there will be a short test the following week. Please teach your children to use the spelling sheets so that they can help themselves to learn the spellings – the children should read each word and sound out loud, look also at the shape of the word. Fold the columns vertically once so that the word is out of sight and attempt to write the word from memory in the column provided. Some children prefer to concentrate on two or three words a night – others like to go over them all most nights. It is best to see what suits your child.

3. Reading homework will be provided most weeks usually on the day your child reads in school. The homework should be completed and returned to school a week later on the next reading day. If your child reads more regularly than once a week then homework should be sent in a week after it is provided.

Your support in hearing children read is invaluable and can be further developed to support their writing; use the books to point out describing words, use of punctuation including speech marks, commas, exclamation marks, character traits and appearances, settings, use of paragraphs etc. Also help your child to use a dictionary - maybe pick out one or two words from their book and see if they know what they mean. Obviously these are things that can be covered over time.

4. Maths homework will be issued a couple of times a week and should be returned the next morning.

Homework should not take more than twenty minutes to half an hour. If you find this is not the case then do let us know.

5. Please ensure your child has a water bottle to leave on their desk and drink from during the day.

We are hoping to visit Chester Zoo in October; further details will follow shortly.

Many thanks for your support.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you require further clarification.

From Year Two Staff