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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2! We have lots of exciting topics and activities planned for the children and we are sure that they will have a fantastic time in their new year group.

Autumn Topic

This term the children will be learning about The Victorians. They will learn about Queen Victoria, life in Victorian times and famous people in this era. They will also visit Englesea Brook Museum where they will go back in time and attend a Victorian school!

Reading

You may have noticed that the planners have changed. This is to make it easier for you to record when you have read with your child. Please tick each day as you listen to your child read. There is also room for you to comment on your child's reading and for you to sign each week. Please listen to your child at least 3 times a week.

Children will be listened to each week in school and new reading books will be given accordingly. Your child will also have the chance to bring home a book from our classroom library which has been recently restocked with many exciting new books. Children may keep these for up to a week.

Homework

Each week children will be expected to read at home, practise their spellings and times tables.

We will send home details of the times tables that your child needs to learn.

Spellings are slightly different this year and will now be sent home in their own folder. The spelling lists will include a set of spelling patterns and also a few random words that children are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 2.

Spelling and times table tests will take place on a **Friday**.

Pen Licence

As an incentive to encourage a high level of presentation and to acknowledge beautiful handwriting, your child may be given a pen licence at some point during the year. This means that they will be able to complete their work in pen rather than pencil and will be given out if a child demonstrates handwriting of a high standard that is consistent.

PE

Children will have PE every **Monday** and **Friday**. All children must have a PE kit in school to take part in these sessions. Remember to remove earrings on these days.

We now have a climbing wall in school which the children will have the chance to experience and that we are very excited about!

If you have any queries please feel free to come and speak to us!

Thank you for your support,

The Year 2 Team

