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Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to the second half term with Year 2.

Main Learning Theme – ‘Children Around the World’

Next half term we will be learning through the exciting topic of ‘Children Around the World’. This theme is geography and ICT based. We will be locating continents and a selection of countries on the globe and plotting same using flags children will make. As well as this, we will utilise a resource called ‘picture my world’ to engage children to find out what life is like for children of similar age in Asia. We will use ICT to produce a fact file of differences and similarities between life for children in England/Ireland and Cambodia.

Numeracy

We will be working with the Numeracy framework to secure block B unit 1 (securing number facts, understanding shape) Block C unit 1 (handling data and measures) and block D unit 1 (Calculating, measuring and understanding shape). All of units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in the first half term of Year 2. We will continue to teach and secure strategies to promote children’s independence and confidence with solving numeracy problems.

Literacy

We will be working with the Literacy framework, to assist children to begin to develop their understanding of various text types. To begin the second half term we will learn through the Fiction genre Unit 2: Traditional stories. Children will begin to develop their narrative writing skills. We will build upon increased adjective and punctuation use through immersing ourselves in classic traditional tales. Following on from this, we will return to the non-fiction genre Unit 2 Non-chronological report. Here children will create a non-fiction report linked to our main learning theme ‘children around the world’.

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week on Monday and Friday. We will cover both games and Dance. Children will require both indoor and outdoor kits and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home.

Please ensure your child has the proper kit in school with them all week.

Learning Skills

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be Developing Independence & Responsibility. We will be working towards the following “I Can...” statements

- I can follow the rules and routines and offer reasons for having them.
- I can select various resources to support me during an activity including asking for adult help.
- I can undertake a short activity independently when given instructions.
- I can support others around me by sharing, showing and giving information.



General

Home Learning

All children will be given a task in their learning log on a Wednesday which is due in the following Tuesday. Your child will be given a question (which may be based on literacy, numeracy or topic) to answer, choosing to present it as they wish.

The class will also be set a half term home learning project which will be linked to their topic theme. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning.

The project for next half term will be **'Facts about children from around the world.'** This could include writing a fact file about a child/children from different country/countries, pictures of a child from England and a picture of a child from another country showing similarities and differences. You could complete a 'did you know... fun facts from around the globe and or quiz for children in class to answer/find out. You might like to look at different games/toys children in developing countries play with. The possibilities are endless... it is up to you what you would like to embark upon!

Reading

Please continue to read with your child at home. Children will be given one reading book and one library book at the beginning of the half term and they have the opportunity to change their **library book on Monday when we visit out school library and change their reading book on Friday.**

Please ensure children bring their reading books with them to school **every day** even if they have not finished the book so it is possible for children to read with an adult in school.

End of the day

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main office area.

All of the adults that will be working with Year 2 are looking forward to an exciting learning journey with your children next half term.

Kind regards

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Class Teacher

Miss Odain
Higher Learning Teaching Assistant

Mrs Thornburn
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Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

