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CLASS 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I have thoroughly enjoyed the first few days with Year 2 and I am really looking forward to the year ahead. Below you'll find some key information that you might find useful to know about the organisation of the class.

Timings of the day
The doors open at 8:35am and school begins at 8:40am. The school day ends at 3:10pm, or at 3:25pm if your child has a sibling in Years 3–6.

Due to building work, the door for the Year 2 classroom will not be able to be accessed whilst the work is ongoing. Year 2 children should enter via the Year 1 classroom door in the mornings and can then go straight to their own classroom to begin the day. At home time, the Year 2 children will join Year 1 for the last few minutes of the day and will be seen out of the Year 1 door.

Teaching staff
Every Tuesday, Miss Digedan will teach the class while I carry out my SENCo duties. Every Thursday afternoon, our Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, Mrs Winspear, will cover my planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time.

PE and School Uniform
We go outdoors in all weathers, so please ensure your child brings a suitable coat every day. I would also be grateful if you could send in a pair of wellies that can remain in school until the end of the year.

This half term, PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On these days, children should arrive at school already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the day. Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt (or one with the school logo), with black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, or leggings. Children should also wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan, but they may wish to bring a separate sweatshirt or hoodie to change into for the session. Trainers are strongly recommended rather than plimsolls. Long hair should be tied back and earrings either removed or covered with tape. I would be grateful if all items of clothing, including coats and wellies, are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Book of the Week
To foster a love of reading, we have "Book of the Week" in Year 2. When it is your child's turn, they will bring home a slip to inform you. They can then bring in a favourite book, or a story they are currently enjoying, for me to share with the class. This can be any genre, as long as it is age-appropriate. If your child chooses a longer text to bring in, please don't worry, I am happy for some books to span a slightly longer period of time.

Homework

We follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) reading scheme, and children will bring home books linked to their RWI group for regular practise. They will also bring home banded reading books for pleasure, which are changed weekly. Once your child completes the RWI programme, they will move onto Accelerated Reader. Further information about this scheme will be provided separately when your child is ready to make this transition.

Spellings will also form part of our weekly homework. Children will have a spelling test every Monday. Spellings will be uploaded to Google Classroom each half term and assignments will be set on Spelling Shed weekly. In Autumn 1, spellings will focus on Year 2 Common Exception Words. Spelling homework will commence on Monday 7th September, with the first test being on Monday 14th September.

For maths, children are expected to spend about 30 minutes per week on Numbots.

We will continue to use Google Classroom to share spellings, celebrate learning and provide additional resources. Please check that you can log in at the start of the year. If you need reminding of any login details, please get in touch.

<u>Our Topics This Half Term</u>
In history, our topic is "How was school different in the past?" To make this unit more meaningful, I would love to invite a parent, or ideally a grandparent, who attended High Hesket School to come in and chat to the class about their experiences. If you or a family member would be happy to help, please let me know by Thursday 10th September either in person or via email. If I receive no responses, I will extend the request to the wider school community.

You can also visit the Year 2 class page for more details about our curriculum plans.

Best wishes,

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