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Dear All,

Welcome to Year 2.

I am Miss Gale and will be teaching the class every day with the support of Mrs Miller.

On Wednesday morning, Miss Maynard will teach the class whilst I am on PPA.

The children have made a good start to the term and I am looking forward to getting to know them. If you would like to chat any time then I am usually available at the beginning of the day (8:30-8:45) or at the end of the school day. You can also make contact using the school office email address.

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for you to come into class and work alongside your child. If you have any expertise/items/ideas linked to what we are learning, then please come and see me. It will be lovely to incorporate extra ideas and experiences whenever possible.

In Year 2, we would like you to support us in enabling the children to become more independent and responsible for their belongings.

In the mornings, please say goodbye to your child in the playground as once the bell goes, the children will need to bring their belongings into school by themselves.

They will need to bring in:

- A bookbag containing their reading book and Reading Journal (Reading books and Journals are being organised and will be sent out soon.)
- Water bottle for use in the classroom (water only in the classroom please)
- Lunch (unless having a school lunch which must be booked in advance)
- Waterproof coat
- Sun hat

PE

Similar to KS2 children, Year 2 will come into school wearing their PE kit and keeping it on all day on their PE days. Our PE day is on Friday for this first half term. Their second session of PE is Orienteering which doesn't require PE kit.

Australia day

On Tuesday 12th September, I am going to introduce to the class their theme for this term which is Australia. During the day, they will take part in lots of different activities with an Australian theme.

For this day, the children will need to bring in an outfit (shorts, t-shirt and trainers) to change into.

Home learning

It is really important for school and home to work together and we strongly believe that your child will benefit from continuing their learning at home. There are several ways you can help your child which includes the following:

- Reading All children are expected to read 5 times every week. Reading journals are checked and there is a lot of useful information about reading and possible questions to ask within these journals.
After listening to your child read, please record the title of the book, pages read and any comments you would like to make on your child's reading. Many children will start Year 2 continuing to read books which phonetically matches the level they are at. These books will need to be read aloud three times before it is changed. Some of this reading will be to the Year 2 Team.

- Home Talk School Write A Home Talk School Write will happen once per half-term. This is a super opportunity for you to support your child's writing and share in their learning. If you are ever unsure about this task, please do not hesitate to come and ask. Once the writing has been completed in school, an unmarked copy will be sent home for your child to share with you.
- Mathletics The children will soon be given their passwords to enable them to use the 'Mathletics' program on their home computer or tablet. The children will be using this occasionally in class to help improve their maths fluency and practicing at home would be very beneficial.

We really look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Kind regards

Miss Gale and Mrs Miller