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Dear All,

Welcome to Year 2.

I am Miss Gale and will be teaching the class with the support of Ms Perry. On Fridays, the children will be taught by Mrs Bealing.

The children have made a super start to the term and I am looking forward to getting to know them. At the end of this letter, there is an overview of what the children will be learning for each area of the curriculum.

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, when the bell goes, please say goodbye to your child in the playground and then the children will need to line up by the door and 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 days are **Wednesday** and **Friday** for this first half term.

Earrings should be removed for PE, however if this is not possible, children will have surgical tape over their ears for PE lessons.

PE kit is:

Green school PE shirt,

Navy or black shorts/plain joggers,

Normal school sweatshirt or school fleece if it is cold. *For safety reasons, if your child wears a hooded top for PE, a clean school jumper will be provided.*

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 handed in on Mondays and Thursdays when books will be changed, if needed.

If your child is reading a level 1 – 4 book, they need to be reading each page 3 times to aid fluency. When they move on to level 5 and beyond, they will need to read the book through twice before it is changed.

- 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 through discussing the task beforehand.

- Maths The children were introduced to Numbots in Year 1 and should continue working their way through the program.

If you would like to discuss anything with me or ask a question, I am usually available at the beginning of the day (8:35-8:45) or at the end of the school day. You can also make contact using the school office email address.

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

Kind regards

Miss Gale

English	Writing lists, stories by Anthony Browne, Biographies, Newspaper reports, Persuasive speeches, Persuasive posters.		
Maths	Place value, Addition and subtraction, shape		
Science	Habitats We will be learning about living and non-living things, identifying plants and animals in a habitat and about food chains.	Human Survival We will be learning about the stages of the human life cycle, what humans and animals need to survive along with learning about a balanced diet and the effects of exercise on the body.	
Art and design	Exploring colours The children will be creating a colour wheel, mixing hues and creating a block print.	Still life The children will be drawing and painting still life along with creating a sculpture.	
Design and technology	Remarkable recipes We will be looking at where food comes from, different kitchen utensils and we will be planning and making a meal.		
History	Movers and Shakers The children will be learning about a local historically significant person (William Barnes) along with other significant people. They will learn about what made them significant as well exploring the impact they have had.		
Geography	The children will be learning how to use an atlas, compass directions and keys for maps. They will also be learning about the characteristics of UK.		
PSHE	Me and my relationships	Valuing Difference	
RE	Navrati Hinduism	Hanukah Judaism	Christmas Christianity
Music	Singing unit	Nativity – singing	
Computing	IT around us	Digital photography	
PE	Multi-skills Invasion games	Dance Hockey	