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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for an exciting new year. Class 2 have settled in well in their new classroom and are becoming familiar with our new routines and environment. They loved meeting our class bears - Lucky and Smiley!

We have an exciting term ahead with our full and varied curriculum. Throughout the year I will post pictures and updates of our learning and fun on our Class Page. Please also have a look at the curriculum overview on the school website to give you a breakdown on the topics and units we will be covering over the year.

### Reading

Reading is a very important aspect of a child's education. As part of our Blackmore Home School Agreement, it is expected that all children read and discuss their books with an adult **at least three times a week**. Please don't forget to note down when you read as there will be house points on offer from Mrs Fergusson and myself! We will be changing our books once a week on **Friday** but it would be great if children can bring their books and reading records to school every day please.

### PE and Swimming

PE will take place on a **Wednesday**. Swimming will take place on a **Thursday** this term starting from the 9<sup>th</sup> September. On Thursday's children will need to **bring in** their swimming kits, including hats. Please note that any watches and earrings will be need to be removed **by the child** for swimming and PE for safety purposes - it might be easier if these are removed and left at home on these days.

### Homework

In Year 2, a small amount of homework will be set on a weekly basis. I will be setting this on a Wednesday and collecting it the following Monday. This will allow the children plenty of time to ask me any questions they have about the homework! The children might need a little support and guidance from adults at home but should be able to complete the majority of their homework independently.

## General

Like in Year 1, children in Year 2 will be provided a piece of fruit at playtime, but they are welcome to bring in their own **fruit or vegetable** snack if they would prefer. Please ensure this is in line with our snack policy.

Please don't forget to name your child's belongings! Things are easily lost in school and it is much easier to reunite items with their owners if they are named. With that said, there is no need to bring in additional items from home such as personal pencil cases/equipment, etc. Keep these to enjoy at home so they don't get lost or broken at school.

At home time, it would be really helpful for me if you could give me a wave whilst I dismiss your child! It will make home times much quicker and easier, especially whilst I'm still getting to know you all. Thank you.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via the [parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk) email address or catch me at the end of the day.

I am so very excited for a successful and enjoyable year with you and your children.

Best Wishes,

Miss Palmer

Class 2 Teacher