



Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a good (albeit strange) summer holiday! It is wonderful to have the children back in school. We are all looking forward to getting to meeting you properly and getting to know the children more during the term.

I am keen to make the transition into year 2 enjoyable and smooth for all of the children. They have all had a lot of time at home and coming back to school and into a new class will of course be very daunting for them. We will be doing lots of tasks to help with this transition and I am very mindful of all of the children's wellbeing. If there is anything you would like to speak to me about or think that I should be made aware of please do not hesitate to send me an email via the office or if necessary arrange a telephone meeting after school.

Our topic for this term will be 'Under the Sea' which the children will be very excited about. We have a great launch planned to introduce this topic. I will let the children tell you what we get up to! If you would like further information on what we will be covering this term, please see the termly plan which will be uploaded on to the school website. Our outcome for this term will be on Thursday 15th October at 2:30pm. More details on this will follow closer to the time.

Swimming this term will be on a **Friday** afternoon, which will start on **Friday 11th September** in the school pool. Please make sure your child has their swimming trunks/costume, a towel, a **named** swimming hat and goggles (if you have already authorised the use of goggles with the school office or myself. If you haven't and you would like your child to wear them, please do this as soon as possible). Earrings will need to be removed before coming to school for swimming. If for any reason you don't want your child to swim, please let the office know or send them in with a note to excuse them. We will be doing PE on a **Monday** afternoon this term. For ease this term, please send your child to school in their PE kit on a Monday morning. They will stay in their PE kit all day. This term, our PE lessons will be outside (weather permitting) so the children will need to be in their outdoor kit (navy or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, trainers) and will need a jumper if it is cold. Please make sure that all children with long hair have their hair tied up on a Monday and any ear piercings are either covered with a plaster or removed before coming into school.

I will be setting spelling homework on a **Monday** each week which will be due on a **Friday**. We will practice the spellings from the homework each Friday in school, so it is important that your child has completed these. I will also set activities on My Maths on a **Friday** for the week for the children to have a go at and work through at home. If you would like your child's login information for My Maths, please do let me know and I can provide you with these.

Every pupil will have a new reading record book for the year. This is to encourage your child to read at home at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes or more, to an adult, sibling, friend or even a teddy. Adults, please sign your child's reading record book when they have read, even if it wasn't with you. The staff will also listen to children read at times during the week which will be recorded in their reading records, so it is important that they come into school and go home at the end of the day, every day.

If you are able to spare any time to come in and read with the children this term that would be greatly appreciated, please let me know and we can arrange this. Volunteers are allowed into school now.

I am really looking forward to the year with class 2, they are a really great group of children and we have many exciting things planned.

Kind regards,

Miss Longworth and the Year 2 team