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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 2 Term Curriculum Letter

Thank you for joining us for the outcome at the end of last term. It was lovely to welcome you in to see all of the children's hard work. I hope you had a lovely half-term break.

Staffing: Mrs Mobey will continue to teach in class on a Tuesday afternoon and the support staff will be Miss Paton, Mrs Sibashvili and Ms Khimji.

Our new topic is 'Important People' with our driving question: What makes someone important?

The aim of the project is to develop an understanding of significant people and why they are deemed to be significant. To explore this we will learn about why it is important to live a healthy lifestyle and explore ways in which we can develop our well-being, confidence and self-esteem.

We are excited to start the **Nativity** again this term! The end performances will be on the afternoons of **12.12.23 and 14.12.23 (Tuesday and Thursday)**. The performances will aim to be from 2-3 pm. I will add and confirm more details to Class Dojo as the weeks progress including when scripts are given and costumes are needed etc.

In our core curriculum, we will be continuing to introduce new skills that are needed in Year 2. In **Maths** in this half of Autumn term, we will be learning about addition and subtraction (within 100), and shapes (counting sides, vertices, edges and faces in 2D and 3D shapes).

In **English**, we will be doing the Talk for Writing scheme where the children will write a traditional tale based off of Pinocchio, an information text about an important person and a firework acrostic poem.

Homework!

Please continue to read with your child and add comments to **Reading Records**. Any reading at home is important at this stage as it promotes the child's story telling voice, pausing at punctuation marks and the importance of fluency in reading. The aim is for children to know their high frequency and common exception words (which will always be in their stories). These can be found at the front of their reading record for practice.

Each Monday, I will continue to put learning tasks on **MyMaths and Spelling Shed** for the children to complete if they want to. The activities will target a spelling rule and a maths skill for the week. The children will have their login and passwords stuck inside their Reading Records. There will be no spelling tests and this work will not be marked but it is so they can continue to practise their skills at home. We used Spelling Shed last year so the children should be aware of this and we will endeavour to use MyMaths as often as possible as well to get them used to the layout.

PE will be on a **Monday afternoon again**, so children can come in their kits as they have done before.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term, if not please feel free to talk to me with any questions you may have at the door or email the office with any questions. Here's to another amazing and very busy term.

Miss Thomson and the Year 2 Team