Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, welcome to Year 2. The children in Year 2 have made a good start and this letter is to inform you about the work they will be doing this Autumn Term. On the reverse of this letter is a copy of this term’s curriculum overview. It provides a brief outline of the areas we will be focusing on over the term and hopefully you will find it helpful in initiating discussions with your child.

Key Points

Children will have a piece of fruit every morning. Please could you provide your child with a box of tissues at the beginning of each term.

A few polite reminders

- All belongings need to be named.
- Bring a coat to school. Please write your child’s name inside their coat.
- PE kits should be in school all the time. Please label PE bags, kit and write names in pumps.
- Arrive on time. Doors open at 8.40am and lessons begin at 8.45am. School finishes at 3.00pm.
- Please do not come into school before 8.45 as teachers are busy with preparations for the day. If you need to speak to the class teacher either speak to them at the end of the school day or make an appointment at the school office.

Homework and Reading Books

Your child will bring a spelling homework book home every Friday. We ask that they complete the homework set and practise their spellings. Please return the spelling homework book on Monday morning so that we can check the homework has been completed. Your child will also bring their reading book home each day. Please listen to your child read, support them with the comprehension question and write a comment in the diary.

Collecting children

Please let the office know if somebody different is due to collect your child at the end of the day and likewise, please ring the school if you are running late. Children will be kept by the school office until you arrive.

As you can see we have a lot of exciting things planned for this term. Thank you for your support, and remember if you have any queries do come and speak to us. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year, to give your child the best start possible.

Safety

If your child is travelling to school by bicycle or scooter please make sure they wear a safety helmet.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Slater, Mrs Johns and Mr Booth
English
Reading - We will be reading a range of stories set in familiar settings, traditional tales, poetry and non-fiction books. We will also develop our reading and comprehension skills.
Writing - We will be developing our spelling, grammar and punctuation skills to help our writing. Our vocabulary will increase through researching Dinosaurs and writing our own information books. We will be writing our own stories based on traditional tales.
Speaking and Listening - We will be developing our questioning skills to check understanding. We will have opportunities to describe, explain and talk about our understanding through each curriculum area.

Computing
We will use internet texts to gather information for our information booklets in English. We will use computing to create dinosaur art work.

Art and Design and Technology
We will use different materials to create a dinosaur puppet and develop our sewing skills.

Geography
We will identify on maps where dinosaurs have been found, where I live and where Mary Anning lived ( Lyme Regis )

Music
We will be starting a new scheme for music this year called 'Charanga'. This will give the children the opportunity to listen to a variety of music, play the glockenspiel, sing and perform songs.

Science
We will describe the basic conditions required for plants and animals to survive ( food, water, air, warmth, light ).
We will identify a range of common materials and know some of their properties.
We will describe the changes to some materials by heating, cooling, bending and stretching.

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Maths
We will develop our knowledge of Number and Place Value and skills of addition and subtraction. We will also be learning how to solve problems. We will use ICT to help us learn our timetable facts.

PE
We will be dancing like Dinosaurs, linking movements together to perform a sequence. We will develop rolling, hitting and kicking skills in games.

PSHE
We have started a new scheme called 'Organic'. The children will have the opportunities to talk about themes such as themselves, healthy lifestyles and how to prepare for modern life.

History
We will explore fossils and attend a 'Dinosaur themed day at school' with Graham Woolard from Portals to the Past.
We will explore the life of Mary Anning.