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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have not been able to have a transition day and therefore not been able to introduce ourselves properly to either the children or yourselves, we thought we would let you know some key information about next year and what to expect. I have included the future Year 2 children in this letter, as there are some changes and this may act as a reminder too.

From September Mrs. Peachey-Smith will be the children's main teacher with me (fingers crossed) doing a few bits in the background including setting groups for spellings and being available to answer any questions children, parents or Mrs. Peachey-Smith may have. Mrs. Peachey-Smith has been in school and met with the children as much as possible this term but we realise this has been limited due to keeping all the children safe in their Covid bubbles but she is looking forward to meeting the children properly. I will be having a thorough handover meeting with both Mrs Bax and Mrs Peachey-Smith to ensure a smooth transition however, if there is anything you feel you would like to let me know directly, please feel free to email me on jquilder@mandm.school

Reading is very important in Class 2 as such, the expectation is to read at least 4x a week recorded in their home reading journals. This will be checked daily. There will be a set of spellings issued each week, up to a maximum of 8. These will be issued on a Monday and children will be tested on them the following Monday. Children will be assessed for reading and spelling ages during the first 2 weeks of the term and placed into spelling groups and on the appropriate reading scheme level. Please be aware that reading ability is not only about being able to decode words, it is also comprehension. Asking children questions whilst listening to them read is really beneficial and just as important as helping them to decode words. Reading books and journals will need to be in school every day.

There will also be a topic homework project each term. There is no right or wrong to this, the children may explore anything that interests them related to the topic and present it in any way they wish to. However, there will be a list of suggested activities sent home at the beginning of each term and their project will be due in the last week where children will enjoy a show and tell type session.

In Class 2, PE will now take place on a Tuesday, with Team Theme running an after-school sports club the same evening. PE kits come into school on day 1 and unless they are very muddy or need washing, remain in school until the end of term, except for children who do after school sports club, who go home in kit.

I am not setting any summer homework to complete as the children are tired, have worked very hard and deserve a rest too. However, if you can keep them ticking over with reading and for those that find handwriting difficult, writing, this will only help them.

We are aware that this is a lot of information, however, we thought it might be beneficial to have an idea of what happens in Class 2. Any further questions, please email me: jquilder@mandm.school

Have a lovely summer holiday, stay safe and we look forward to meeting with you all in the new academic year,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Guilder and Mrs Peachey-Smith.

