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Dear Parents/Carers and children of Y2,

Welcome to Y2 – fingers tightly crossed for a more normal school year! We hope everyone has had a lovely holiday and is fully recharged for Y2. We have loved being back with the children, enjoying their company and starting to get to know them.

Here is some important information to explain things for the Autumn Term and life in Y2. There is quite a lot to pass on, so make yourself a cup of tea and have a read!

The Y2 Team

- **Mrs. Cooper (Sycamore Class Teacher)**
- **Mrs. Garrett (Willow Class Teacher)** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- **Mrs. Mason (Willow Class Teacher)** Thursday and Friday
- **Mrs. Hutchins (Year 2 Teaching Assistant)**
- **Miss Baker (Year 2 Teaching Assistant)** Thursday and Friday

Curriculum Project

The Autumn Term theme for Year 2 is **The world and my place in it – Identity and Dare to be Different**. Many areas of the curriculum are being taught through this theme, whereas others are taught discretely. Please see the enclosed curriculum topic web for information. Maybe your child would like to tick the areas off as they learn about them in class.

Reading

Your child will be given a school reading book and a Reading Diary. We would like you to listen to them read for 10 minutes per day. Could you please complete the diary with the date, name of the book and sign to say they have read to an adult. There is a reading reward scheme in school where your child can have a dip in the 'Prize Box' after they have 20 days of reading recorded in their diary from home. Regular reading really helps to improve fluency, sight vocabulary and enjoyment of a range of books in varying genres, so we hope that you will support us is getting your child to Love To Read.

Main Homework

- **Maths Homework** – every Friday we will give a 'Number/arithmetic' based worksheet to complete by the following Friday. We do expect all children to complete the weekly homework.
- **Spellings** – Spelling Tests happen on Wednesday. Please can your child practice the weekly spelling pattern ready for the test. It is about learning a spelling pattern

to implement into our writing as well as the words for the test. Please help them to keep thinking about the spelling rules. We'll put the words on Spelling Shed too.

Home-Learning - In the event of a child having to self-isolate, work will be sent via Showbie so that your child can access it at home.

Y2 Behaviour System – In Year 2, we are constantly looking for children working to their best and for making good choices. These are rewarded with House Points. Unfortunately, there are times when children make poor choices. A reminder will be given to get them back on track. If they continue to make poor choices then they will put their name on the 'Thinking Board' (the yellow part of our Traffic Light System) and they will miss 5 minutes of their playtime while they think about the choices they have been making. If this behaviour continues or is severe then they will go onto the Red section and this will result in a classroom playtime detention, which will be recorded in a Year 2 behaviour log. It is unusual for a child to get to this point if they have truly been thinking about their choices.

Correspondence - The new school website will be up and active by 30th September and we will load important dates, information and celebrations to the Year 2 pages. If you need to contact us about anything personal to your child please come and chat to us at the end of the day or send an email to your child's class teacher:

- acooper@parkdale.notts.sch.uk
- cgarrett@parkdale.notts.sch.uk
- caroline.mason@parkdale.notts.sch.uk

PE – We do PE on Monday and Wednesday so children should arrive at school in the correct PE kit on these days. Earrings should not be worn for safety reasons. However, if this is not possible, with new piercings, then plasters must be brought to school by your child, to put over earrings on PE days. This allowance will only be made for the duration of the healing time after which the earrings must not be worn on PE days unless your child can remove them by themselves.

Volunteers - We are always interested in any volunteers to come and help in school with readers or to support on trips. If you are available to support us in Year 2, please have a word with your class teacher.

We hope this letter has provided some useful information for life in Y2.

As always, we thank you in advance for all of your support.
Your children are a fantastic bunch!

The Year 2 Team