



## **Ernesettle Community School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Welcome to Year Two**

We hope you've had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel excited for the academic year ahead. Each term, we send you a letter to share with you what your child will be learning about in each subject. Next term, Year Two will begin their 'What a Wonderful World' area of study, with particular links to Geography. The children will learn to describe and understand key aspects of locational knowledge as well as developing their knowledge of weather and climate.

### In **Geography**, we'll be learning to:

- Build on our geographical skills from Year One, where we will take a closer look at atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom.
- Learning about the seven continents and the oceans and seas that surround them.
- We will find out about the different weather and climates in these areas and compare them with weather here in Britain.
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and build on locational and directional language.



In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the genre of 'Modern Fiction,' where they will read the wonderful text 'Paddington Bear,' by Michael Bond. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children will be studying the fascinating story 'We're all Wonders' by R.J. Palacio.

When in **Maths**, the children will be learning how to count from 0 to 100, whilst ordering and comparing numbers using their knowledge of tens and units. Additionally, children will be recapping their understanding of place value from Year One.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of different materials, by exploring and understanding the Science topic 'Everyday Materials'.





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### **Learning at Home**

In Year Two, the homework expectations include reading at least five times a week and practicing a weekly set of spellings using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. Home **Learning Books must be in school every day** please and will be marked each Thursday.



Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

#### **School Day Arrangements**

- Year Two may arrive at school between 8:30 8:50am. You can access the school through via your child's external classroom doors. We are thrilled to welcome you all into the classrooms to enjoy some Early Morning Learning with your child between 8.30-8.45am each day, should you wish to. If you have any questions or queries, you are welcome to catch your child's class teacher during this
- Please collect your child from their external classroom door at 3:10pm each day.

PE this term will be on a Wednesday for 2AW and 2MG and Thursday for 2HH. Therefore, please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on this day. Children are encouraged to bring their PE kit to school, as their session takes place in the afternoon. Due to lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We are very excited for the year ahead!

Best wishes,

Mr. A Williams, Miss. M Gibson, Miss. V Hill, Miss. O Hole, Miss. N Gill and Mrs. C Davis

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