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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful week getting to know your children and are really looking forward to spending the year with them.

Please find below an outline of what we will be covering in each subject this term.

**English:** Working through our 'Read, Write Inc.' scheme developed by Ruth Miskin, the children will be developing their phonetical understanding and comprehension skills. The scheme also allows for the development of the children's writing and gives the opportunity for the children to develop their vocabulary and incorporate this into their independent writing. Alongside this we will be following the Nelson English scheme which looks more closely at developing the children's inference skills, their knowledge and understand of grammar as well as spelling patterns.

**Mathematics:** We will begin by recapping the children's understanding of numbers up to 100 and beyond as well as their place value. Mental addition, subtraction, multiplication, properties of shapes, measurement and statistics will also be covered. We really do believe that 'hands on' activities allow children to really grasp new concepts and skills, and we will be playing lots of mathematical games with your children throughout the term. We will provide you with ideas of games that could be played at home and explanations of the different calculation methods we use.

**Science:** Habitats and materials

**Geography:** The British Isles

**History:** Florence Nightingale

**Religious Education:** Seasonal festivals

**Art:** Portraits and seasonal art work

**Design and Technology:** Winding mechanisms

**ICT:** Developing word processing, paint and internet search skills

**PSHE:** Understanding our place in the world and celebrating differences

**Music:** Singing, musical games, listening and movement activities

**Spanish:** Greetings, numbers, Christmas

**Outdoor Games:** Ball skills

**PE:** Gymnastics

Experience has shown us that the life story of Florence Nightingale is a fantastic opportunity to embed the different subjects across the curriculum. The last full week of this half-term will therefore be entirely devoted to this topic.

Outdoor Games lessons for both classes will take place on a Monday. Swimming will take place on a Thursday and PE will take place on a Thursday for 2W and a Friday for 2B.

As a reminder, English homework will be issued on a Monday, science on a Wednesday and mathematics on a Friday. Your child will receive spellings on a Thursday to be learnt for a test the following Thursday. From time to time we may send topic work home in lieu of the other subjects. There will no homework on a Tuesday, however, you may like to use this opportunity to spend a bit more time reading with your child.

Reading continues to be a priority in Year 2 and it is important that you encourage your child to read every evening, even if it's just a page or two. You can help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions about what they have read.

Please be reminded that in Key Stage 1, the emphasis of homework is on consolidation of key concepts learnt during the school week and so your child should not find it too challenging.

You may well have heard the word 'Firefly' around the school and wondered what on earth it means. Firefly is a virtual learning environment where useful information, resources and media can be accessed from home and is specific to the year group that your child is in. Please let us know if you are unable to log in.

Our Autumn trip will be taking place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October where we will be visiting the Wetlands Centre in Barnes for a Pond Dipping workshop in line with this half-term's science topic about habitats.

We are looking forward to our busy term ahead. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any concerns or queries, our door is always open.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Woodcraft & Mrs Blanshard*

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**Year 2 Teacher**