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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, and welcome to Year 2. We start by wishing you all a happy new school year. The children have made a wonderful start to the year and we are very excited about the year ahead.

As you already know, in Year 2, we have two teachers: Mrs Spark works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Watson works Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This year, we also have two TAs - Mrs Milner and Mrs Collins. Mrs Milner works on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Mrs Collins works on a Wednesday and Thursday.

We would like to take the opportunity to explain a little of what you and your children can expect this term.....

At the moment, we are ensuring the children are settled and their social and emotional learning is a priority as we recognise the last 18 months of learning during a pandemic.

The topic for this half term is 'What makes Guisborough special?' We are hoping to enjoy a trip to the woods and The Priory. More details to follow.

In our Geography work, we will be learning about different continents and climate regions around the world. The children will learn to interpret maps and atlases.

In Design and Technology, the children will be taught strengthening techniques in model making and the process of planning, constructing and evaluating their work. Please can we ask you to save any boxes, cardboard tubes and empty yoghurt pots. You would be amazed at how many boxes we need especially in this topic when we will challenge them to build their own house. Please send them into school as soon as possible as we will need to quarantine them before they are used by the children. Please could the children also bring in a photograph of the front of their house for them to use when they add the detail.

In English, we will be using different books to provide a stimulus for some setting and character descriptions. The first book we have already started is 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. The children will look at a forest as a setting, the

character description of the forest beast and then write their own forest stories. You never know, the Spittler may come out of the woods and visit school!

In Maths, we have begun by recapping some basic key concepts such as place value and number bonds. We are working towards the children having this information as instant recall. During the term, the children will be working on place value, partitioning, addition and subtraction facts for numbers to 100.

In Science, the children will be using observations, predictions and careful evaluations.

Our Come and See topic for this half term is 'Beginnings'. During this topic, the children will explore the theme- family-the love and care they bring and God's love and care for every family. They will be introduced to the scriptures related to this topic.

Some key information:

- PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure children come to school wearing their school PE kit on these days.
- Please ensure children's uniform is fully labelled - we already have our first item of lost property! If you are missing a cardigan please get in touch.
- Please can we ask that your child brings their water bottle to school every day.
- Your child will receive their first reading book next week. Please aim to listen to them read daily and don't forget to sign their reading record so that they can achieve their 50 reads certificate!
- Homework to start with this year will be to practise spellings. They will receive their spellings list on a Friday and will be tested the following Thursday.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. Mrs Milner and Mrs Collins will also be on the door on a morning to answer any questions you may have.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Spark and Mrs Watson

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