



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are happy to welcome you back to yet another exciting year at Eltham Church of England Primary School. This letter outlines the different focuses throughout the curriculum for the Autumn Term for Year 2, as well as some reminders of the arrangements for other aspects of school life.

Year 2		
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Core Reading Text	The Tiger Skin Rug/No Dinner	The Emperor's Egg/ Ice Bear
Creative Curriculum Focus	India	Amazing Antarctica
Science	Living in Habitats	Super Scientists
R.E	Noah's Ark	Where is the light of Christmas?

Home Learning - This year's maths homework will be based around CGP books, which each child will be given a copy of. Each week, children will be set a specific page that relates to their learning that week. This will be written down in the front of the CGP book each week. In addition, the children will be set another piece of homework which is based around their learning that week in Literacy, Science, Topic or RE. This can take the form of written homework or spoken homework.

Homework will be set each Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. Our first written homework will be set on **Friday 14th September** in a homework zip wallet provided to all children. Homework will be marked by the teacher and returned to children the following week. In order for this to happen, homework will need to be handed in by the Wednesday of the following week. This gives the teacher's time to mark any homework the children have completed. It would really benefit your child's progress if you were to spend a few minutes going through their work with them and helping them to achieve their best. If an issue arises so that your child is unable to complete their homework, please let the class teacher know as soon as possible so that we can try and resolve the issue.

Spellings - Spellings will be distributed each half term and recorded in reading journals weekly. Children will be given 10 spellings a week, which may be differentiated according to their ability and may focus on a particular spelling rule. If you feel your child would benefit from fewer spellings, please speak to your class teacher. Please encourage your children to learn these spellings. The expectations of the curriculum are



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challenging in this particular area so although teachers will revisit the weekly spellings a number of times in class each week, support from home is essential too. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. We will also be teaching phonics or spelling on a daily basis as part of the curriculum.

Times Tables - Each week, children will take part in a timed test of their knowledge of multiplication facts. The children work at a level appropriate to them and each level builds upon the one before. As a guide, children will progress to the next level when their test answers are completed within three minutes, consistently error free for three weeks consecutively. It is now a national expectation that children leave year 2 knowing their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. Children will be tested every Friday alongside their spellings and informed when they have moved up a level.

Reading - Reading provides children with models for writing, ideas, vocabulary and also helps to develop their creativity through their imagination. Therefore it is really important your child reads regularly. It is expected that the children will read daily for about 10 minutes. If your child has read at home, please note down what they read in their journal with a signature and class teachers will check these weekly- thank you. We would also appreciate it if you could ensure all school books are returned when finished so another child can enjoy them.

P.E - Please ensure all items of uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**, including shoes and bags. This makes returning lost items to their owner much easier and quicker. P.E. kits should include: P.E. bag, school's P.E. t-shirt, black sports shorts and black plimsolls. Black tracksuit bottoms and tops may be worn in colder weather.

Trips - We are hoping to welcome educational visitors and go on a range of exciting trips this academic year in order to enhance the children's learning. We will send out letters in advance of any trips. Trips are a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience new things and learn outside the classroom and we rely on your contributions to make sure that they can go ahead; we would appreciate your continued support in helping to ensure this can continue.

Regrettably, if insufficient parental contributions are returned, the school will have to cancel planned trips/events as funding restrictions no longer allow for shortfalls to be



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funds. We are always grateful for the offers from parents/carers to accompany trips. We will try to ensure that parents are given at least one opportunity to accompany their child on a school trip.

We very much look forward to another fantastic year and thank you for all of your continued support.

With Regards

Miss McCarthy, Archery Class Teacher

Miss Fryer, Tarn Class Teacher

