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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 we would like to trial a new format for homework. Tasks will be set at the beginning of each half term and will be centred on topics taught in school. There is an expectation that at least three activities will be completed and returned to the class teacher by the end of each half term.

Times Tables – Children will be tested weekly on their times tables. Children will all begin on the same level (you will receive a separate letter to explain this in more detail) and work through a number of levels. In order to progress to the next level children must answer all questions correctly within 3 minutes on three consecutive occasions.

PiXL – Children will receive a login in order to practise times tables through this app.

Bug Club – One book per week will be allocated for children to access and read at home.

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 notably more 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.

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.

We are pleased to be able to continue with our weekly Reading Workshop on **Mondays at 3pm**, but due to high numbers of parent participation we will now be offering a sign up system which allows **five parent volunteers per class each week**. We ask that parents **please do not sign up for more than two sessions per half term** in order to give all parents the opportunity to participate. If interested, please speak to the class teacher.

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 off-set from central 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.

Upcoming events for Y2 include an in school Bollywood workshop in October and a 'Journey to the Manger' workshop at Southwark Cathedral in December. A letter detailing these events will follow in due course.

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

With Regards

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Miss Gardiner: Archery Class Teacher | Assistant Head

Mrs Rhodes: Archery Class Teacher | Deputy Head