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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 2

I hope you all had a great summer break. I can't wait to hear all about it and hope you are excited for the next adventure in a new school year. I am very excited to start my teaching career here at Great Abington and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself a bit more. This will be my first teaching post as an Early Career Teacher (ECT) and I am very much looking forward to the challenge. Prior to starting my teacher training, I have worked as TA for a number of years in a local primary school and help to support children with SEND. I am also a mother to four children ranging from 4 to 12 years old and know how hectic this time of year can be. I am really looking forward to this next venture and getting to know you all. As well as myself in the class, we also have Mrs Ellis in the Class 2 team. On a Monday and Wednesday afternoon Mrs Lungley will be teaching Class 2 for my ECT and PPA release time.

I would like to share with you our plans for the children in Class 2 for the Autumn term. Our first topic is 'Toys'. In English we will be making predictions on unknown texts, looking at descriptive text both from a character, first person writing and book reviews, exploring fiction and non-fiction books related to our topic as well as classic fables, poetry and familiar stories. The children will follow the school's systematic phonics programme, *Floppy's Phonics*, and will take part in daily structured phonics sessions involving songs, games, practical activities and handwriting practice. The children will also take part in regular spelling practice, using the online resource, *Spelling Frame*.

The children will enjoy daily whole class story times and we will hear them read as often as possible. Each child will be issued with a reading book and a reading record. Please use the reading record to record the reading you do with your child at home. This record can also be used for any means of communication so please feel free to record questions or information about your child in them. Please ensure your child brings their folder in every day so that we can record any reading in school and change their books.

In Maths, all children will start by reviewing what they have learnt from the year before by looking at numbers in practical ways, through sorting and counting activities as well as the days of the week and



months of the year. All children will then access the curriculum of their Year group, improving their problem solving skills, and developing their addition and subtraction skills. Year 1 will practise their number bonds to 10 factoring in number lines and comparing sequences of numbers up to 100. Year 2 will be practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with an introduction into Times Tables Rockstars - an online resource that they can access at home.

This year, we will continue to use the online platform, Google Classroom, as the primary means of communication, so please engage with it, check it on a regular basis and use it to message me with any minor queries you may have. Google Classroom will be used for homework tasks which will include phonics / spelling and basic maths skills to help embed learning from the week. You can also use it to send me private messages. I am always happy to speak to you after school or contact the school office and I will get back to you with any other questions or concerns you may have.

I will be introducing our class teddie, Hamish the Highland Cow, who, over the weeks, will visit each child in their home to see what adventures they get up to. Children will take it in turns to borrow him for the weekend and record in his journal. Hamish and the journal should be returned to school by Wednesday at the latest, so that we have time to share their adventures with the class. If you would like to add photos to Google Classroom, once this is up and running, I am sure the children will enjoy sharing them with their classmates.

P.E this term will include team building activities and ball skills. P.E lessons will usually take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their named P.E kit. If your child has long hair, please make sure that hair is tied back and that earrings are removed. Please send your child in Velcro shoes unless they can tie laces - this is something we will be working on throughout the year!

School lunches should be pre-ordered online via the ParentPay system. Please ensure that you talk with your child to choose options which they like! Please ensure that if your child is bringing a packed lunch, their lunch box is clearly labelled on the outside. Please also ensure that your child brings a named water bottle everyday.

We greatly appreciate the involvement of parents and carers at our school, and I welcome any additional support, especially if you have any special interests in any of the areas to be covered this term or if you know of any resources or people who might like to help. If this is the case, please speak to me.

I look forward to working with you and your child during the next academic year. I am sure that we will have an amazing year together with lots of exciting and memorable learning experiences.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Baughan

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