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Welcome Back!

A big hello again to the parents of Primary 2 and a warm welcome to the parents of Primary 1. The children of Primary 2 have quickly got back into the school routine and the Primary 1 children seem to be well settled already, supported by the caring and most helpful Primary 2s. We look forward to a happy and enjoyable year in Primary 1/2.

We are very excited about this year and sharing learning experiences which are challenging, stimulating and fun. In Primary 1/2 we will share a love for reading, become more confident writers, work on our mathematical skills, learn lots of new and interesting things and meet new friends. Once the children are settled into school we will have a **Shared Start** where parents and carers are encouraged to come into school with their child and experience daily routine tasks at the start of the day. P2 children had this experience with their parents last year and really enjoyed sharing their learning. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Please remember to check school bags for any letters, as we sometimes send home short notes explaining what we are doing in class and how you can help.



Our **literacy** programme is well under way for the P2 children, and the P1 children will be finding out about Kipper and his family from the **Oxford Reading Tree** books and enjoying the stories. Your child will receive regular reading homework in their zippy book bag. Please read with your child each day and help make learning fun! We will have a short news time on a Monday called **Show and Tell**. This will be an opportunity for your child to bring along an item of interest which he/she can talk about. Please do not feel that items need to come every week.



This term we will be finding out about **healthy eating and making healthy choices**. We will be discussing what we know and what we'd like to learn. We will share our learning in many ways including through our class learning wall, newsletters, Twitter and our school website. Just to remind you that we encourage **healthy drinks and snacks** at school just like nursery. Water should be the only drink in their water bottles and please send only **one** healthy snack for playtime break.



During this term your child will meet **Mrs Callaghan**, our Music specialist who will teach some lively songs, **Miss Goodwin**, our art specialist who will share art ideas and **Mrs Pringle**, who will teach some French to the children. We're sure the children will all enjoy these activities each week this term! Our P.E. days are **Monday and Thursday** and children should leave their gym bags in school. We hope this initial information is helpful and look forward to seeing you all. Please feel free to contact us if there is any matter that you wish to discuss.



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