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Dear Parents

We hope you all had a good summer holiday and your child has come back refreshed and ready for all that the Autumn term and Year 2 has to bring!

Autumn Term in Woodpecker Class



"The Circus is Coming to Town"

We are looking forward to investigating the circus this term, kicking off with a WOW! day led by Shooting Stars Circus Skills Company. A separate letter with further details will follow. In history and geography we will begin by looking at circuses over time, starting with Roman times to the present day, 2018 will see the 250th anniversary of the first recorded circus in London. We will investigate famous clowns and write biographies. In science we will be investigating materials, including making waterproof circus tents. Further curriculum details are outlined in the topic chart attached.

If you have anything that may be of interest for our studies, please let us know.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's school uniform and belongings are all labelled clearly. This is particularly important for sweatshirts which can so easily be muddled, especially on a warm day or after PE sessions.

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits need to be in school **every day**. Please check that your child has the correct, **labelled** kit in school (i.e. navy shorts, white t-shirt, daps and socks). For outdoor PE children will need suitable footwear and black or navy tracksuit/jogging trousers. GoActive will lead one of our P.E. sessions each week.

Learning at Home and Project Work

In line with our amended home learning policy, following the parent questionnaire, we will be sending out a grid of ideas for topic related homework, from week two. Time will be made each week for children to share their home learning when they have completed a task.

Weekly spelling lists to practise will be sent home, from week two, each week on Fridays, in yellow spelling books. Please keep the spelling books in book bags every day. Tests will take place on the following Friday.

Maths skills can be practised regularly using Mathletics (username and password will be stuck inside the front of the blue home school reading record book). Inside the back cover of the home school books you will find your child's maths passport with a list of essential skills to practise.

Reading

It is expected that children will read each evening at home, with an adult if possible, for around twenty minutes. Children can change their reading book each day, if needed, and are expected to take greater responsibility to do so. Please help your child to record their reading each time in the blue home school record book, whether it is a book from school, home or the library.

Water Bottles

Please send a **named** water bottle to school each day for your child to access throughout the day in class. Sun hats and cream may also be required in term one!

Helping in School.

As always, we welcome offers of help in the classroom, particularly in the afternoons and to listen to children read or to help and supervise their use of the computers or iPads. If you think you can spare half an hour or more then please come and talk with us.

Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

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