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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and you are ready for another fantastic year ahead. Up until Christmas our topic will be 'From A to B'. Within this topic we will be learning about different types of transport and the ways in which people travel in the past, present and future. If you know anyone with an interest or skill in transport then please let your class teacher know. Additionally, if you have been on holiday over the summer and have spotted any modes of transport then please share any photographs or stories of this with us, we would love to hear all about it! To launch ourselves into this topic we will be having a 'wheelie good time'... literally! On Friday 7th September we invite the children to bring in anything with wheels e.g. scooters, roller-skates, bikes, heelys, and they will take part in simple obstacles courses, travelling from 'A to B'. Don't forget to catch a glimpse of your children on the school's Facebook page; regular updates are shared and our 'wheelie good time' will be posted!

During this term we will be learning and practising map skills, taking a walk around our local area as well as taking a trip around Plymouth on a double decker bus. We will observe modes of transport from afar whilst making observational drawings on Plymouth Hoe. Before returning to school we will take a tour around the local bus depot and even going through the bus wash! We also hope to visit our local train station before embarking on an exciting journey. During our topic 'A to B', we will be working closely with a company called 'Bike It', to support your child to have confidence in riding their bike without stabilisers - the next Bradley Wiggins in the making! Last year this was a huge success and now the children are ready to tackle the school's bike track with confidence. There will be more details of our trips to come. Fortunately, we are lucky enough to be able to give the children these life skills and educational opportunities at no cost to yourselves!

Homework expectations this year include reading at **least three times per week**, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly English/Maths or creative task. Homework books should be handed in on a **Thursday** so that new spelling sheets and homework can be added and your child's spelling test score can be reported. Homework books will be **returned to you on Friday**.

During the first term in English we will be studying the tale of 'Paddington Bear' and learning to read and write our own versions. We will begin to practise handwriting daily, using the cursive style so that children develop speed and confidence with their writing. Maths will focus on number order, place value and the four operations. We will learn to use new multiplication and division skills, alongside developing our times tables. Every little bit of extra practise at home with times tables will go a long way. In Year 2, we focus on the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and we practise chanting them daily. With your extra help at home, your child will reach their goal of knowing these times tables off by heart.

PE this term will be on a Tuesday for 2RL and 2SB. Please make sure your child has their full school PE kit in school on this day. As part of the school policy, if your child does not have their PE kit in school on this day they will unfortunately miss their break time until it is brought in.

Just to remind you, all children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be four options available including a hot meal, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with filling or a sandwich. Your child will be encouraged to pick their option during Early Morning Learning.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Little and Miss Burring

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