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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to our Year 2 parents and for our Year 1 parents; we are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition into our class. The curriculum builds upon, and extends the experiences that the children have had in Reception and Year 1. For Year 1's, learning through play continues to be an important part of the school day and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning so they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

We are very grateful for all the help and support you give your child in terms of learning at home and also the interest you show in their learning at school. Following on with our whole school 'Global Curriculum' our country for the next two half terms is Scotland. Underneath is a grid that outlines the areas of learning we intend to cover. Hopefully this will enable you to ask the right questions and/or look out for relevant books and resources that may help your child or indeed the whole class!

Literacy	Writing genres: Recounts, Non Chronological Reports about Scottish creatures Reading: Katie Morag Stories How to choose books wisely
Science	Seasonal Changes Habitats near and far- Scottish animals Plant Kingdom Growing Plants
Religious Education	People in Christianity; Jesus Christ, Mother Theresa
ICT	Entering and arranging text Word processing Algorithms Databases and Graphs E-safety
Design Technology	Design and make a coat for a teddy
History	Burn's Night Why Robbie Burns is famous The history of tartan
Geography	Locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans 4 countries of UK Visit places around Scotland North, South, East, West Katie Morag and the island of Coll
Art	Look at the work of Scottish artists Shona Barr and Pam Carter Loch Ness Monster collages Clay work on thistles Mod rock islands
Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning SEAL	Road Safety Year 1: New Beginnings Getting On and Falling Out Year 2: Zippy's Friends: Feelings Communication



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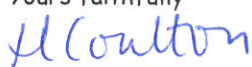
Homework	<p>Homework is as follows:</p> <p>Year 1 and 2- Reading at least 3 different books, or on 3 separate occasions per week for 1 owl point and 2 owl points for 6 or more- One Sticker handed out on a Friday for those read 3 times or more</p> <p>Year 1: Writing or Maths- once each half term usually to complete over the holiday</p> <p>Year 2: Writing or Maths- set on a Thursday and due in by the following Tuesday</p> <p>Spelling: Termly -children will be tested against 100 phonic word patterns and given incorrectly spelt words to learn for a test Weekly - spellings will be given on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday</p>
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Class Two's P.E. days are Thursdays and Fridays (please ensure all jewellery is removed on these days) and it is helpful for their kit to be left in school all week as sometimes we are fortunate to have additional sessions.

We are aware that children may gain achievements or certificates in out of school activities. If they would like to share these with us they can be brought to school on Fridays and shown in our Well Done Assembly.

We would like to say a big **Thank You** on behalf of ourselves, Miss Lockey, Mrs Viney, Miss Neilson, Mrs May and Mrs Readman for the wonderful Thank You presents you gave us at the end of the summer term. It was very much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to come into school and arrange to see us if you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Coulton


 Mrs M Norwood