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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed a happy, healthy and safe Christmas break and are ready and raring to go.

Thank you very much for the generous gifts we received, we were so touched by your generosity.

The Year Two staff are incredibly excited to be welcoming your children back to school, as they are a wonderful bunch of individuals, who we continue to enjoy and celebrate. We absolutely loved the Autumn Term and are so enthused by plans for the coming term.

We are very fortunate to be welcoming our third year student, Miss Smith, who completed a really successful placement in Foundation, last year, and who will start the Spring Term with us.

This term will see us preparing your children for their SATs tests. Our overwhelming priority is that we support your children with their holistic needs, without any undue anxiety about the tests. We will guide the children during lessons, in an informed, but informal way. We will not be placing undue pressure on our children, but will familiarise them with the physical appearance and wording of the papers.

Please find attached an overview of the Spring Term and please refer to the literature given to all families, at the SATs meeting in the Autumn Term.

It is essential, at this stage that you encourage reading and discussion of books, at home. Once your child is familiar with the school book, and can answer associated questions, please look at library books or books at home. Foster their inclination, push them towards being literate. Old favourites can be revisited many, many times. We will endeavor to change books twice a week, and are grateful to the volunteers who hear our children read in school.

Now that we have resumed normality after the excitement of Christmas, we will enjoy P.E. on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your children have their kits on these days. While the weather is cold we will remain indoors.

We have an open-door policy and will always endeavor to listen to your needs.

Happy 2019.

Kindest regards. God bless,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Krasauskas, Miss Smith and Mrs Wilson



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Spring 1

History	Famous Britons- Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale.
Science	Famous Scientists and their work
Art	Paul Klee
P.E.	Skipping Yoga
R.E.	Good News- Jairus, Lepers, feeding the 5000
I.T.	We are Photographers
Music	Performing and appraising.

Spring 2

History	Kings and Queens
Science	Humans and Animals
D.T.	Textiles- Binka
P.E. Indoor	Skipping
P.E. Outdoor	Forest Schools
R.E.	Mass
I.T.	We are Researchers
Music	Composing and appraising

P.E.- Mondays and Thursdays

Spellings- Tested every Wednesday, new spellings given.
Scores written in home/school reading journal.

Tables- Tested every Wednesday. X2, x3, x5, x10 and inverse operations.
Scores will be written in home/school reading journal.

Homework- Given every Friday, to be done/discussed with an adult, and submitted the following Tuesday. SATs prep.

Daily- Home/school reading journals, reading books, water bottles, appropriate seasonal coat/footwear .

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND POSSESSIONS

