



# BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and children,

**Welcome to Year 2!** I am looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. Here is some general information that I hope will be helpful, but if you do have any further questions then please do come to see me.

Mrs Miller will be our class teaching assistant this year. On Tuesday afternoons, the class will be taught by Mrs Garner, to cover my PPA time. She will be teaching Computing and P.E. On Wednesday afternoons I will be carrying out my work in my role as Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools Practitioner. Mrs Berry will be teaching the class for PSHE (personal, social, and health education) and RE. Our topic for the first term is 'Adventure, Discover, Explore!', and we have lots of exciting activities planned!

- **Swimming lessons** will be on Friday mornings, starting next week on 13th September. If any parents are able to help walk the children to and from Saltash Leisure Centre each Friday morning, please let me know.
- **P.E sessions** will be taught on a Tuesday and Friday. P.E kits will need to be in school on these days, but children are welcome to leave them in school all week.
- **Reading books** will be changed twice weekly (days to be confirmed soon). The children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from the library each week to share with you at home.
- **Spelling** - The children will soon be introduced to RWI spelling, following on from their Year 1 phonics work. During spelling lessons, they will be learning spelling patterns, as well as some red words (whole words which are difficult to spell). Each Friday children will bring home their spelling log book, with words containing a spelling pattern to practise. They will have an informal check/test of these on the following Friday.
- **Homework** will be set on a Friday, to be handed in by the following Friday. The children will have a Homework book in which you will find the task for the week. This will alternate between English and Maths, with the Maths homework being set online (Mathletics).

In addition to their set homework, it is really important that children spend some time each day reading their reading book, learning their weekly spellings and practising their number bonds/ times tables. This should only take about 10- 15 minutes, but this regular practice will really make a difference.

➤ **Outdoor learning**

Throughout the year we will be making the most of our wonderful grounds and surroundings, taking our learning outside of the classroom. Please could I ask that children bring in a pair of named wellies to keep in school? It is also important, with our changeable British weather, for children to have a coat in school every day just in case! Please make sure that all items of clothing and other belongings are clearly named.

Thank you for your support. We are all looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting year ahead!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Hill