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'LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS.' HEBREWS 10:24

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to St Helen's and a warm welcome to Year Two. We are looking forward to seeing you all after what can only be called a historic academic year. After careful thought and planning we have put together an engaging and creative curriculum where your children will be able to ease back into the school routines and rebuild their stamina for learning. Please be reassured that as teachers, we will meet the children where they are academically, socially and emotionally. Please see the curriculum overview for more details.

The Year Two team

Mrs Kent and I will be sharing the Year Two class with the support of Mrs McHardy. Mrs Kent will continue to work Monday and Tuesday and I will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I will be having planning time on a Wednesday morning which will be covered by Ms Hawkins. Under the new safety guidelines, communication with you as parents will need to be adapted. If you have any concerns or messages please email admin at sthelens.sch@alumnismat.org and a member of the team will get back to you when possible.

Morning routines

Please see Mrs Lewis' information letter about the new morning routines.

Seesaw

We will be continuing to use Seesaw with the aim of recording, communicating and celebrating the children's learning. Home learning will be set and feedback will be given.

Reading Diaries

We were so pleased with parental engagement and communication using Seesaw that we will be using it as an online reading diary. More information to follow.

Reading

In order that children gain a love for reading, daily practise is very much encouraged. Your child will be listened to every day through either a guided phonic group, group reading, whole class guided reading or individual reading. In the first few weeks, your child will be assessed and either be given a phonetically decodable book that matches their phonic knowledge or will be given an Accelerated Reader book (AR) that matches their comprehension level. These books will be changed once a week by an adult, please make



sure your child has their reading book in school every day. They will also be able to take home a 'Reading for Pleasure book' which they will be responsible for changing themselves when they have read it several times.

PE

This term we are excited to be doing tennis as part of our PE curriculum. Children will need to wear their PE kit into school on this day and will remain in it for the rest of the day. Their PE day will be Friday and will therefore need to wear their kit into school on this day. We will also be doing Daily Physical Activity (DPA) every day and will therefore need suitable shoes as per Mrs Lewis' information letter.

We are all looking forward to teaching your children in Year Two. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Brookes and Mrs Kent