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Dear Parents

Welcome to Swifts (Year 2)! We hope that you had a lovely summer and that you are looking forward to this year as much as we are. The following information provided in this letter is for you and your child, so that they too can be responsible for preparing themselves for school each week.

We value your support in ensuring that your child arrives punctually in the mornings. The gates open at 8.35 for the children to start their day with our soft start. At the end of the school day (3:15pm) we will dismiss the children from the outside door of the Year 2 classroom. To ensure the safety of the children, your child will only be dismissed to you or any designated child minders. With this in mind, please let us know who is picking your child up each day from school, if this is not yourself. When there is a change to the routine, please send an email to the office detailing the change. If this is an adult who is not known to school, a password will need to be set up.

Every morning please ensure that your child is equipped for the day. Your child needs the following items in school every day:
A water bottle and lunchbox (if not ordering a hot/packed lunch) and their reading folder with their reading books. The children may also like to bring in a reading book from home to read during the day when we find time. Please ensure this book is named.

PE Kit

PE will be on a **Thursday and Friday** for this term. Please send your child into school already changed in their PE uniform on these days. They do not need to wear regular school uniform that day. Where possible please wear Velcro trainers if your child is still learning to tie their laces. We will be doing PE inside and outside so the children may wish to wear a tracksuit when the weather gets colder.
Please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name. As you can imagine there is a lot of similar sized uniform and by having it labelled means that we can ensure the correct uniform is with its rightful owner.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle filled with still water, in school every day.

Reading

As part of your child's morning routine, they will place their reading folders into the reading book box in the classroom every day. They will be having an Animaphonics book that is to be read three times before being changed. These books will be changed each Monday, but

need to be in every day so that we can read with them as well. They will have a chance to choose a library book on a Monday.
Reading at home is of the **utmost importance**. We hope you will be able to listen to your child read daily. Please ensure that you ask your child lots of questions about their books, ensuring that they have understood what they have read, as well as practising their decoding skills. Please update their Reading Record Book or AnimaPhonics sheet after each time your child reads with you as we will be monitoring their reading progress.

Home learning
Home Learning grids will no longer be set, however please set aside time to help your child learn their spellings and times tables. These are vitally important for quick recall and for the children to become more confident in themselves. Do ask if you have mislaid their Numbots/ TTRS login. Spellings to match their phonic sessions will be sent home via Class Dojo every Monday.

Topics
Our priority in the first instance will be focusing on settling the children back into school after the holidays. Here are some of the topics we will studying this term:
Science: We will start the year learning about everyday materials.
History: The Great Fire of London
RE: In what ways is the synagogue important to Jewish people?

Monday	Library books New spellings uploaded to Class Dojo
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	PE – come dressed in PE kit
Friday	PE – come dressed in PE kit

Mrs Wingrove will be teaching on a Thursday afternoon to cover my PPA. We also have Mrs Croall, Miss Smith, Mrs Farrukh , Mrs Baba and Miss Wilson at varying points throughout the week.
We hope that this information will help your child to transition into Year 2 smoothly. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any concerns or questions.

We look forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday 15th September, at 5:00pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hamm and the Year 2 team.