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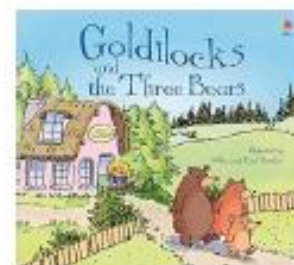
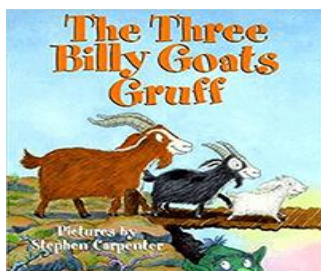
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## Year 2 Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to year 2! We can't wait to get to know the children and get stuck into some great learning this half term. We hope that, with your support, we can all work together to help your child achieve their full potential. You can help by ensuring they are in school each day on time, that they are prepared and organised for the day ahead and that they have completed their home learning. We are always happy to support you and your child over the year and are happy to discuss any worries or concerns.

## Traditional Tales



We are beginning with 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. After listening to the story, the children will retell the story through drama and props. This will encourage the children to retell the story using exciting vocabulary so you can look forward to hearing some exciting story telling from your children! Towards the end of the unit the children will be making Wanted posters for a Troll.



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## Curriculum

**Maths** - Place value, addition and subtraction

**English** - Character description, setting description and letter writing

**Science** - Changing Materials

**PE** - Ball skills (hands), learning through play (creating games)

**RE** - Christianity- Friendship

**Music** - Hampshire Music Service

**Computing** - What is a computer?

**History** - How was school different in the past?

**PDL** - My healthy self

## Uniform

We are delighted to see the children back in their uniform looking smart. It gives us a lovely sense of pride and belonging. Please be reminded that shoes or trainers should be plain black. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**.



## Water bottles

In Year 2 we ask that you provide a **named** water bottle for your child to bring into the classroom daily. The bottles will be taken home after each day to be cleaned and refilled for the following day.



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## PE days.



Our PE days are on Monday (outside) and Thursday (inside). Children will need to come dressed for PE on these days. Children should still wear their school jumper or cardigan over the top of their PE kit. We will be practising different ball skills and learning to perfect the children's technique so that the skills they learn can be applied in ball games. In the colder and wetter days, please remember that your child will need proper black trainers (not plimsolls) and they can wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms for when we are outside. They will need normal shorts and sports team t-shirts for when they are inside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

## Reading at home



For children still working to secure their phonics knowledge, we are continuing with our phonics and reading scheme, Little Wandle. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised is a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools. Based on the original Letters and Sounds, but extensively revised to provide a complete teaching programme meeting all the expectations of the National Curriculum. Reading practice books are now carefully matched so children can read fluently and independently. In school children will read 3 times a week in a group with an adult. The sessions consist of:

1. Decoding
2. Prosody (intonation, expression)
3. Comprehension

When children take their book home to read they should be 95% fluent. Please do not worry that a book is too easy - your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Re-reading a book they have had before helps develop fluency - this is the goal! For all other children, there will be a



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range of Love to Read books for them to take home to read. We will ensure all children have a reading book to take home by week 2.

**Children need to bring their reading diaries into school every day.** All of our children should be reading at home at least 5 times a week and this should be recorded in their diaries.

## Morphs Spelling Game

This year we will be using Grammasaurus to teach spelling. To build on what the children are learning in school, they will have a log in for the Morphs Spelling Game. We will be introducing this to the children next week and then the log in will be sent home. We have attached instructions on how to access the game which can be done via the website or the app. We're very excited to get started as we're sure that the children will really enjoy it. Please encourage your child to play the game as it will have a positive impact on their learning.

## Trips

In the summer term, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and will be going to the Weald and Downland Living Museum to bring their learning to life. The approximate cost will be £21.00 based on the cost last year. As part of our Geography learning about the coast, we will also go to Stokes Bay. Because we take the school minibus, we will only be asking for a small donation to cover the cost of fuel.

## Communication

As the children are coming straight into class, if you need to speak to one of the Year 2 team, please catch us at the end of the day or phone the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We have had a great couple of days getting to know the children and look forward to seeing you next week.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 2 Team



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