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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 2 team would like to thank you and your children for making the first week so successful. Our team this year is made up of Mrs Tempest, Miss Reynolds, Mrs Ryan, Miss Wacey and Miss Bensley. This week we have been using the book 'Maybe' to encourage the children to recognise why they are special which fits in nicely with our school topic of 'self awareness'.

We would also like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the expectations for Year 2.

## Home learning

Reading is at the core of all learning and an invaluable life-skill, therefore it is a priority. We are issuing reading books this week, for the children to take home and share with you. The children will have a Reading Record Log for you to make a note of every time you listen to them read, which we would like to happen at least 3 times a week. We like to reward children for practising their reading.

Each Friday we will send home a piece of Maths and English work, which will be due in by the following Thursday (children can hand it in before Thursday if they wish) and a reward will be given to all children who complete their homework, as it re-enforces and consolidates their learning. We will also be sending home Knowledge Organisers, which contain key facts and vocabulary for our Humanities and Science topics for the half term. They are useful when talking to your child about what they've been learning in school and can be used to further deepen knowledge.

#### P.E.

Both classes have PE on Monday and Tuesday.

All children are expected to wear the Academy PE kit:

- White T-shirt with Academy logo
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls

Earrings must be removed for P.E. so we ask that children do not wear jewellery on their P.E. days, unless they can independently remove them. Don't forget that children come into school wearing their PE kit on both these days.



### Uniform

The Academy requires all children to adhere to the uniform expectations (which can also be found in the brochure) and all Year 2 children should be wearing:

- Royal blue sweater/cardigan with logo
- White polo shirt
- Black/grey trousers or skirt
- Black low-heeled shoes (no trainers)
- Plain black/grey/navy socks/tights
- A warm coat during winter months.

All clothing should be clearly named and we advise this also for all personal belongings e.g. water bottles and bags. This enables us to reunite lost items with their owners quickly.

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful year together.

## Kind regards

Mrs Tempest Miss Reynolds Class Teacher Class Teacher Raising Standards Lead

Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy Year 2 Team