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*"Where fun and
learning meet."*

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Puffins CLASS 2018-2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back to the first term of the new academic year. I am very much looking forward to teaching your children in Year 2. In this letter I would like to tell you about some of the things that we have planned for the upcoming year.

Transition from Year 1 to Year 2: My aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Year 1 to Year 2. The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 1.

Home Learning: With the exception of the first and last week of each term, this will be set weekly. The home learning will be set every **Friday** with completed home learning to be returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. A copy of the home learning will be placed on the website each week.

Spelling tasks will be set weekly and will be related to the phonic/spelling/grammar patterns and rules we are learning at school in addition to the Year 2 spelling list. We will celebrate our spelling home learning together on a Friday.

Times tables: In year 2, children are expected to be able to count in 2s,3's 5s and 10s. Daily practise is essential for this and secure times table knowledge is vital in order for your child to progress in maths. The website listed below also has some useful online games. http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication_games.html
In addition to this, please can the children continue to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars each week. Please let me know if you have any queries regarding this.

Reading: The children should regard this as an **essential** part of their home learning and should be encouraged to read **daily**. The home-learning diaries will mostly be used as a record of reading, both in and out of school, and it is essential that diaries are in school on a daily basis so that they can be checked. As well as recording the regular reading with your child at home, please feel free to write comments and use it as a means of communicating with me. I do check these daily.

Website: At Newick, we are proud to be 'paper-free' whenever possible. Our website is where all information is shared with you and any letters that are posted can be found on the child's class page. If a letter is uploaded that concerns your child, you will be notified via text. Home learning will be posted on the website weekly.

P.E. is on a Tuesday and Friday this year, but please ensure that the kit is kept in school all week and is clearly labelled; there may be timetable variations and therefore PE could be scheduled on a different day. It is also essential that a water bottle is in school every day. NB: Trainers will be needed for the climbing wall if used at playtimes. It would be useful for children to bring along wellies or an additional pair of trainers as well as old tracksuit bottoms or overalls to cover school clothes as the field will be in use all year round.

Jewellery: Apart from stud earrings, jewellery is not to be worn in school. If your child has recently pierced ears and cannot remove earrings, please would you provide microporous tape. Long hair should also be tied back.

Water bottle: it is important that your child is well hydrated to enhance their focus and concentration. We ask that your child has a named water bottle filled with fresh water each day.

Forest Schools: Forest Schools will be led by Mrs Green on Thursday afternoons in **Term 4** this year. Further details are included in a separate letter.

Class learning:

Our topics this year will be:

Terms 1&2	<i>Dragons and Dreams</i>
Terms 3&4	<i>Elements of Discovery</i>
Term 5&6	<i>In A World of our Own</i>

Trips and Workshops:

We will be going on a few trips during the academic year to support the learning of the pupils. We shall let you know nearer the time more details of the trips - information will normally be sent out a few weeks in advance.

During the Autumn Term we are very fortunate to be having renowned author and illustrator M.P Robertson coming to do a work shop with the whole school and each individual class. In Puffins class this will enhance our work on our Dragons topic. More details will follow, but if you would like to view some of Mr Robertson's work you can do so on the following website:

<http://www.mprobertson.com/books.htm>

Collective Worship:

Collective worship takes place every day in school. Each class will lead two class assemblies during the year to which family members are invited to attend. Please note the dates of these will be published in the school newsletter and on our class page on the school website. These dates may be subject to change but we endeavour to give you as much notice as possible should this be the case.

We hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do not hesitate to come in if there is something you wish to discuss. I am very much looking forward to this year and I thank you all in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Cheeseman

