1st November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! Firstly, as a team we hope you had a lovely half term break together with your family. We all had a great start to Year Two filled with lots of fun, laughter and learning and we hope that this continues through Term Two. Despite the current circumstances your child settled in well to Year One and have adapted to their new surroundings, routines and curriculum well.

Both your child’s Reading and Writing sessions at school will centre around the story *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper. Once again, this book is available on many online resources; such as YouTube, and there are also copies in the library for your child to familiarise themselves with the story and it’s characters. This is **not** compulsory but would benefit your child if you are able to do so. The Reading and Writing will cover aspects taught in Year 1 to begin with to allow your child the opportunity to further develop those skills. These will link heavily to Phonics. Towards the end of Term One, your child started to write a character description about a character from a story and a letter! They used capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, conjunctions and adjectives in their writing, this will also be continued this term.

In Science, this term our focus is still ‘Materials’. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of different everyday materials for particular uses and apply this to an experiment.

History will be based around ‘Kings and Queens’ and your child will develop their understanding of different British monarchs including Richard III and Queen Elizabeth I and II. The definitions of the key vocabulary that your child will be taught are available on the Drove Primary School website. Please don’t forget about our trip to Windsor Castle on 4th November. Your child will need to be in school for 8:30am and we will return to school by 4:00pm. Your child doesn’t need to wear full school uniform but please ensure they have their school jumper and trainers on.

As part of your child’s Design and Technology curriculum they will design and create a healthy soup.

PE will be on a Tuesday. Children are now expected to bring their P.E. kit to school and dress themselves. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly label with your child’s name. PE this term will be outside.

We recommend that your child brings in a clearly labelled bottle of water, which will be kept in the classroom, so that they have access to a drink at all times.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Some homework will still be set online. In order to give you a greater insight into the expectations surrounding homework and how to support your child with this, a second letter will be sent out to you with help on how to access any homework set by your child’s class teacher. If you do **not** have an online device please make this known to your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year Two Team – Miss Heeks, Miss Picton and Miss Quinn.