Welcome to Year 2

Mrs Benham



Adults in our Class:

Class Teacher

Mrs Benham

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Older



About me!

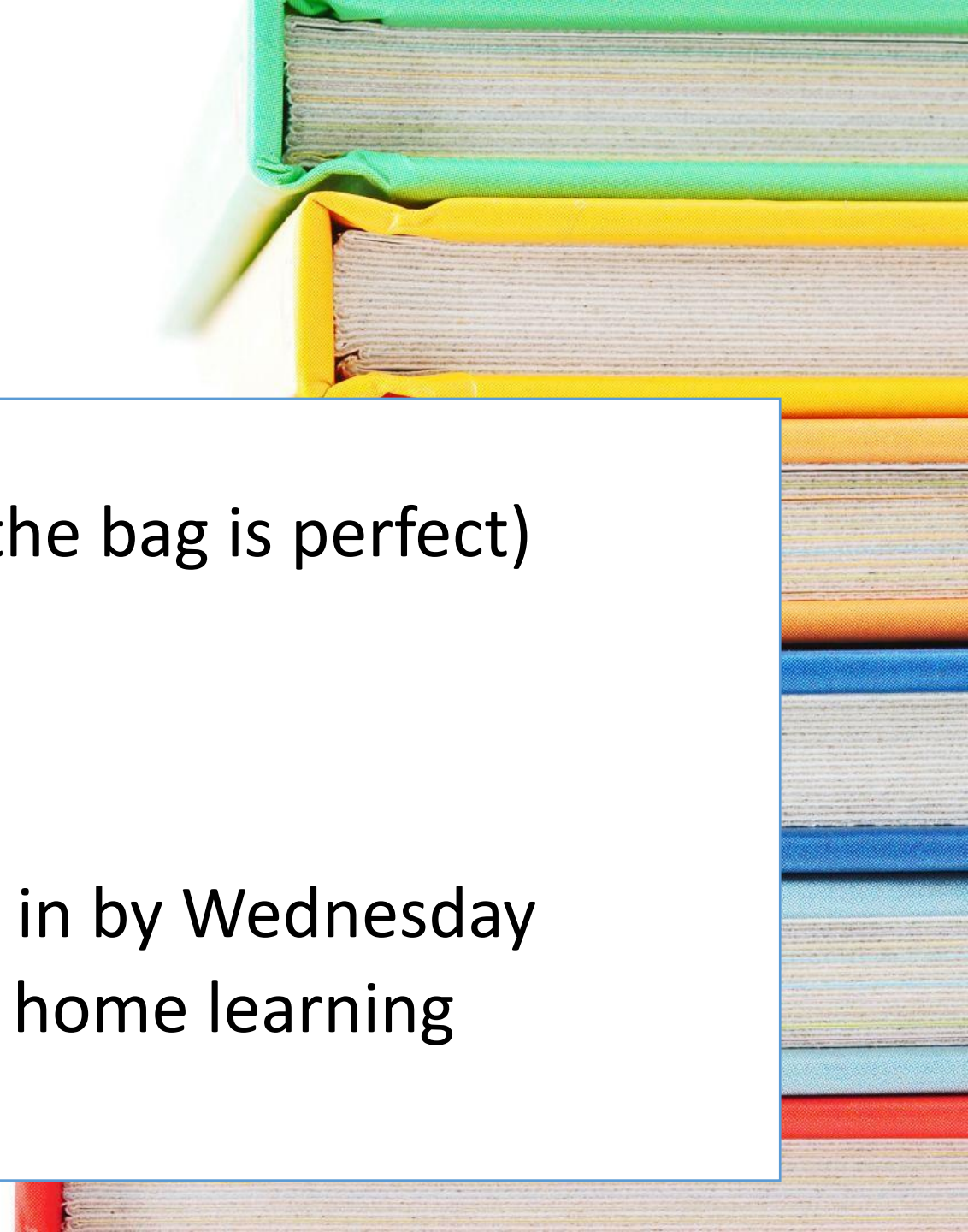
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- This is my 9th year teaching
- Majority of time spent teaching in KS1
- English Subject Leader for the past 3 years and part of the team leading English and Maths this year
- Member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Outside of school, I have 2 children (Alice is 8 years old and Rory is 3 years old)



Year 2

Things to bring in:



- Water bottle
- Coat (a rain mac in the bottom of the bag is perfect)
- Reading Folder
- Reading Books
- Reading Record
- Home learning book – needs to be in by Wednesday

-This contains the spellings and the home learning information.

Snack

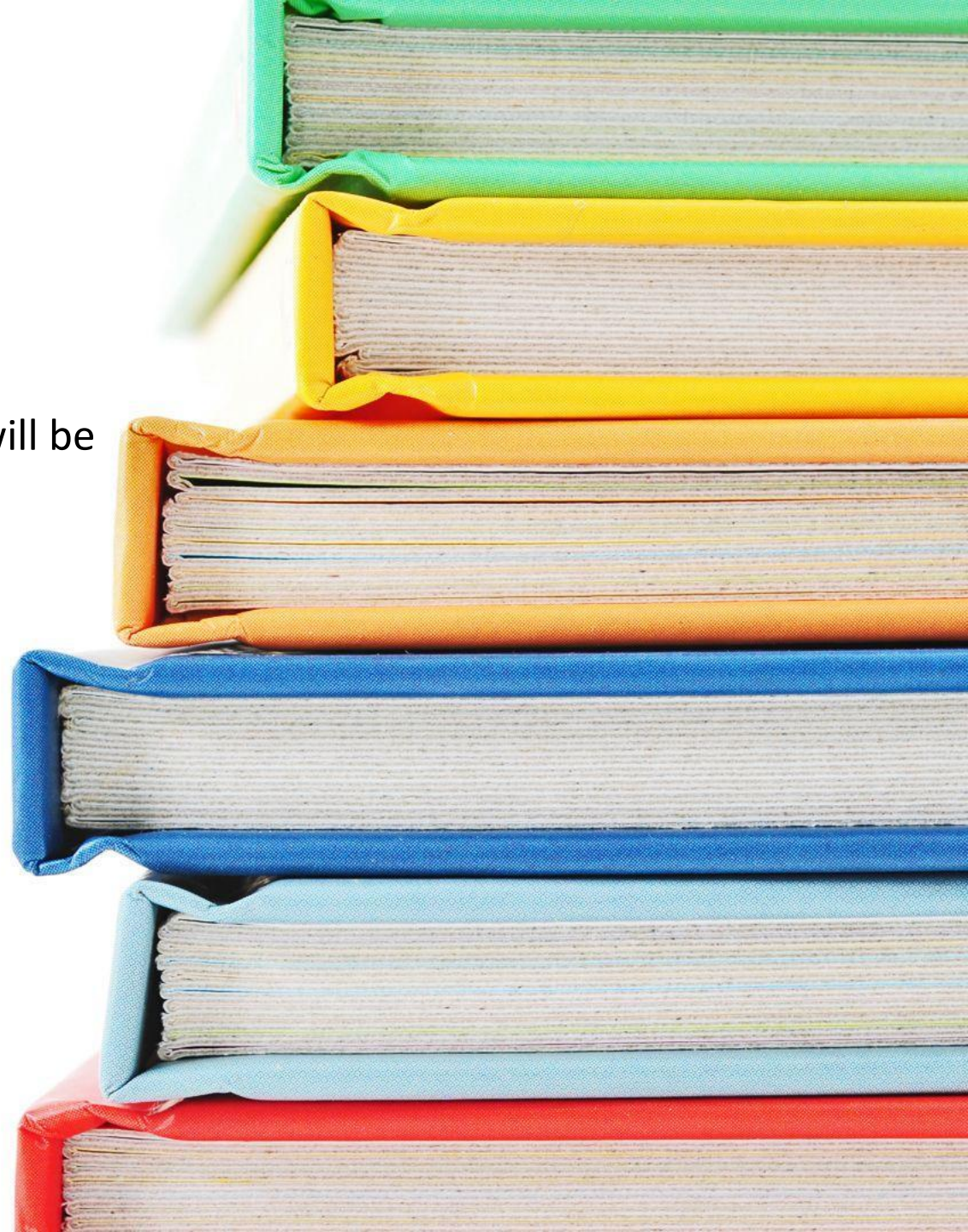
In Year 2, the children will continue to be given fruit at playtime.

If you would like your child to have an additional fruit snack at playtime, they are allowed to bring one in.



Daily Routine:

- 8.30am - Gate opens
- 8.35am - Children line up to come into class
- 8.45am – Register is completed (anybody arriving after this will be marked as ‘late’)
- 8.35am-8.50am Early Morning Maths or English activities
- 8.50am-9.10am Assembly
- 9.10am-12.00pm English and Maths lessons
- 10.30am-10.45am Morning Break and Snack
- 12.00pm-1.00pm Lunch time
- 1.00pm-3.00pm Afternoon activities
- Afternoon playtime
- 3.00pm-3.10pm Story time
- 3.15pm – Home Time



Attendance and Punctuality:

- Year 2 curriculum is very busy with high expectations and fast pace.
- Attendance is paramount – No holidays or days out during term time.
- Children find it difficult to catch up on missed learning and this creates gaps in learning.

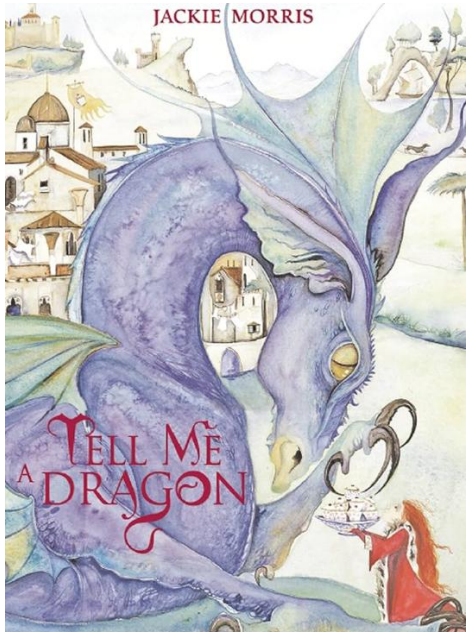
Punctuality:

- Gates open at 8:30am.
- Early morning work begins promptly at 8:35am; this includes responding to marking, teacher feedback, 1:1 reading, addressing misconceptions from day before, editing work, consolidating learning.
- Arrival after 8.45am is registered as late.



Year 2 Curriculum for Term 1:

English



Maths



Science



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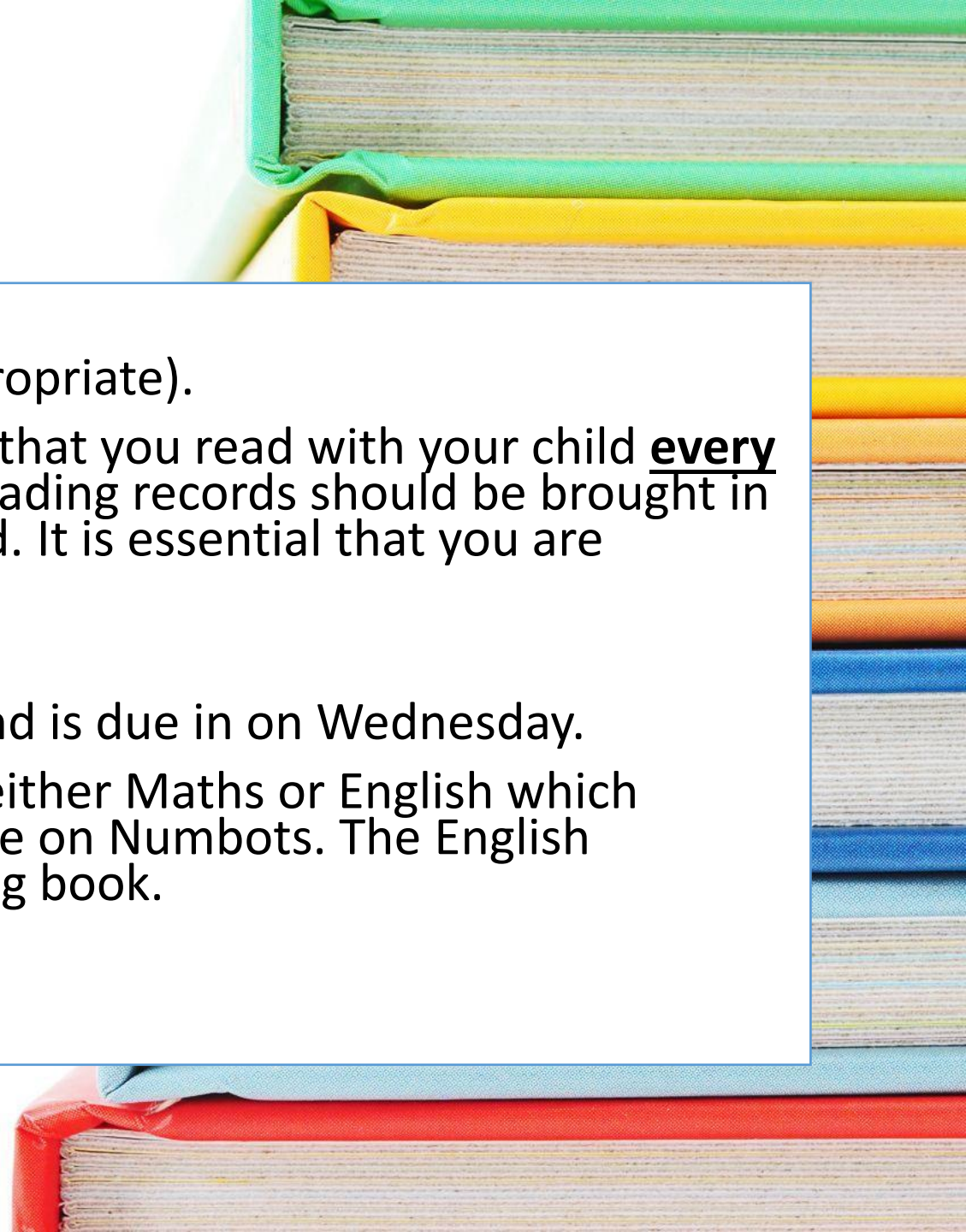
Foundation Subjects:

- History – Great Fire of London
- PE –

  1) Throwing and Catching

  2) Swimming
- PSHE – Relationships
- RE –How should we care for others in the world and why does it matter?
- Art – Drawing
- Music – ‘Carnival of Animals’ and ‘Trains’
- Computing – Coding

Home Learning and Checks



- Monday = Spelling check.
- Wednesday = Times tables check (where appropriate).
- Friday = Reading Record check. Please ensure that you read with your child **every day** and record this in their reading record. Reading records should be brought in daily so that in school reading can be recorded. It is essential that you are regularly reading with your child.

Home Learning

- Home Learning will be sent home on Friday and is due in on Wednesday.
- Each week your child will be set activities for either Maths or English which support our learning in class. The Maths will be on Numbots. The English homework will be in your child's home learning book.

Spellings

In Year 2, we use a programme called ‘Essential Spelling’. This follows on from our phonics programme which is used in Year R and Year 1.

Children focus on spelling specific sounds through this progressive spelling programme.

We introduce prefixes (e.g. un) and suffixes (e.g. ly) and help children to build words using these.

The children will be expected to learn spellings for a spelling test which takes place on a Monday.



Spellings

Spelling checks will be linked to a spelling rule and the statutory words for Year 2.



door floor poor because find kind mind
behind child children* wild climb most
only both old cold gold hold told every
everybody even great break steak pretty
beautiful after fast last past father class
grass pass plant path bath hour move
prove improve sure sugar eye could should
would who whole any many clothes busy
people water again half money Mr Mrs
parents Christmas

Spellings

Term 1 spellings are below:

Spelling List						
	play	light	page	knee	valley	doorstep
	wait	pie	cage	knot	chimney	poorest
	snake	time	gem	knock	donkey	poorly
	apron	float	hinge	gnome	face	moor
	bee	snow	fringe	gnaw	space	shiny
	treat	note	hedge	wrist	lace	sign
	athlete	doe	fridge	wrong	ice	tiger
	put	one	full	there	door	because
	push	once	friend	where	floor	most
	pull	ask	school	love	poor	both

Your child may be in Group 1 (learning all 10 spellings) or Group 2 (learning 5 highlighted spellings). Your child has been allocated a group based on their writing attainment at the end of Year 1 and through discussion with Miss Knight. Spellings are completed at the back of the home learning book – please leave the back pages free to complete the tests. These will be sent home so you can see your child's score. 2 dojos for 10/10 and 1 dojo for 8 or 9 out of 10.

These will be further adapted where needed.



Reading

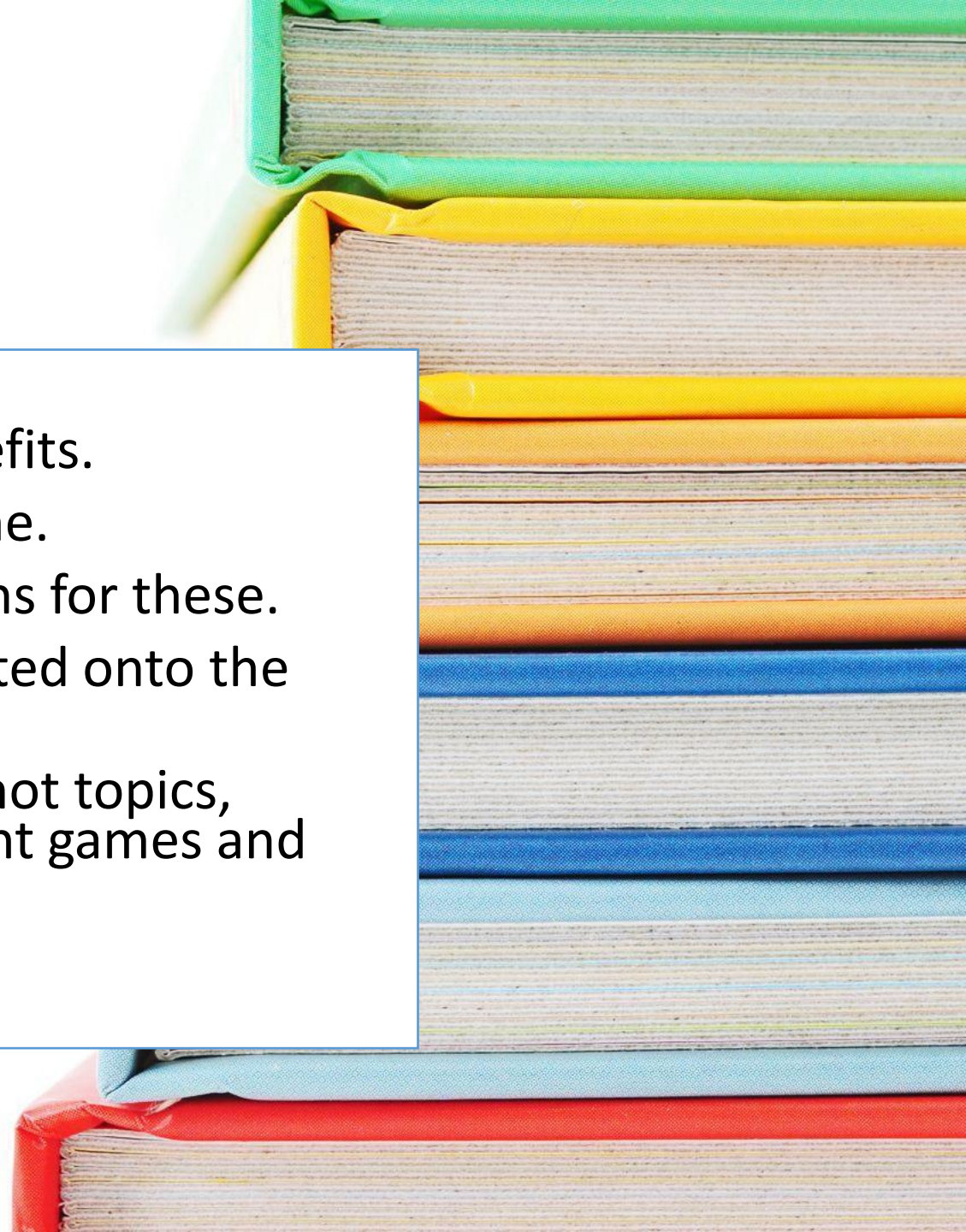
It is really important that children are both listened to and are reading for pleasure. Please ask questions to support your child's comprehension skills.

- Children are expected to read 5 x a week.
- Reading scheme books will be changed on a Monday and a Wednesday. The children will be expected to change their books themselves (with reminders).
- Phonics books will be changed on a Friday (where appropriate).
- Reading records will be checked weekly on a Friday.
- Children will be expected to have their reading records and reading books everyday.
- When you have heard your child read, please note and sign the record book.
- We will stamp to say that we have checked their reading record and make any notes where appropriate.
- After Christmas, we will move away from book change days so that the children develop their independence skills.
- In class, the focus will shift more towards using their phonics for writing. Children will still be reading lots in class throughout our lessons too.



E-safety

- Increasingly important…
- Educating the children of dangers and benefits.
- Promotion of safe use in school and at home.
- Age restrictions of online games and reasons for these.
- Screen time – Links to guidance will be posted onto the school website.
- Childnet.com and Internet matters – have hot topics, advice, how to talk to children about current games and issues.
- Parent controls.



Contact and messages:

- Please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.
- You are welcome to talk to me after school at 3.30pm on any day.
- Any messages, please contact me through the class email and I'll get back to you within 48 hours.
- If a message is urgent then please phone the office or speak to Miss Lavelle or a member of staff on the school gate and they will pass the message along.



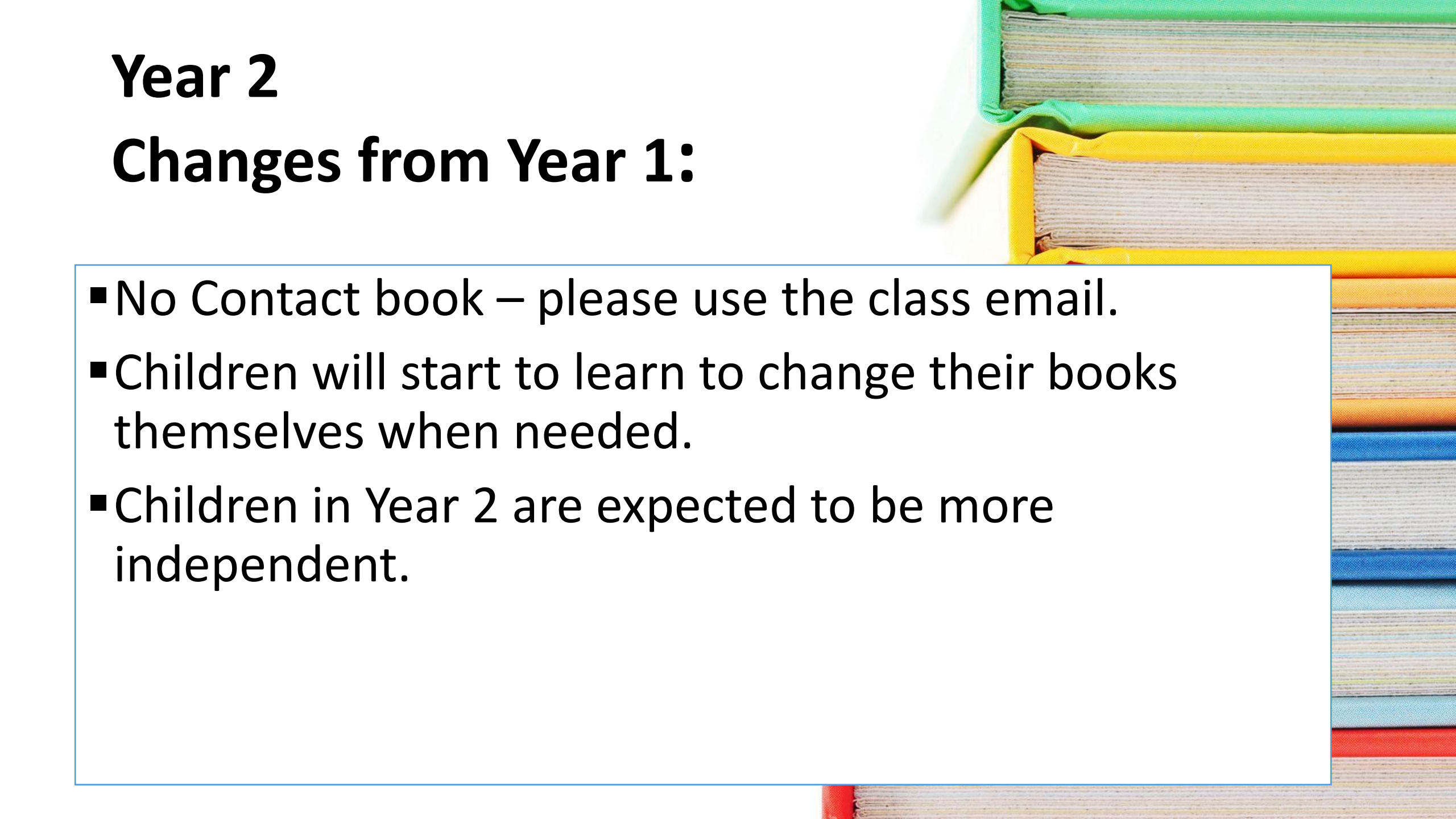
Key Information

- Website Year Two | Mereworth Community Primary School The Street, Mereworth Maidstone, Kent, ME18 5ND
- This has useful information for ‘End of Year Expectations’ as well as a Reading List for Year 2.



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Changes from Year 1:



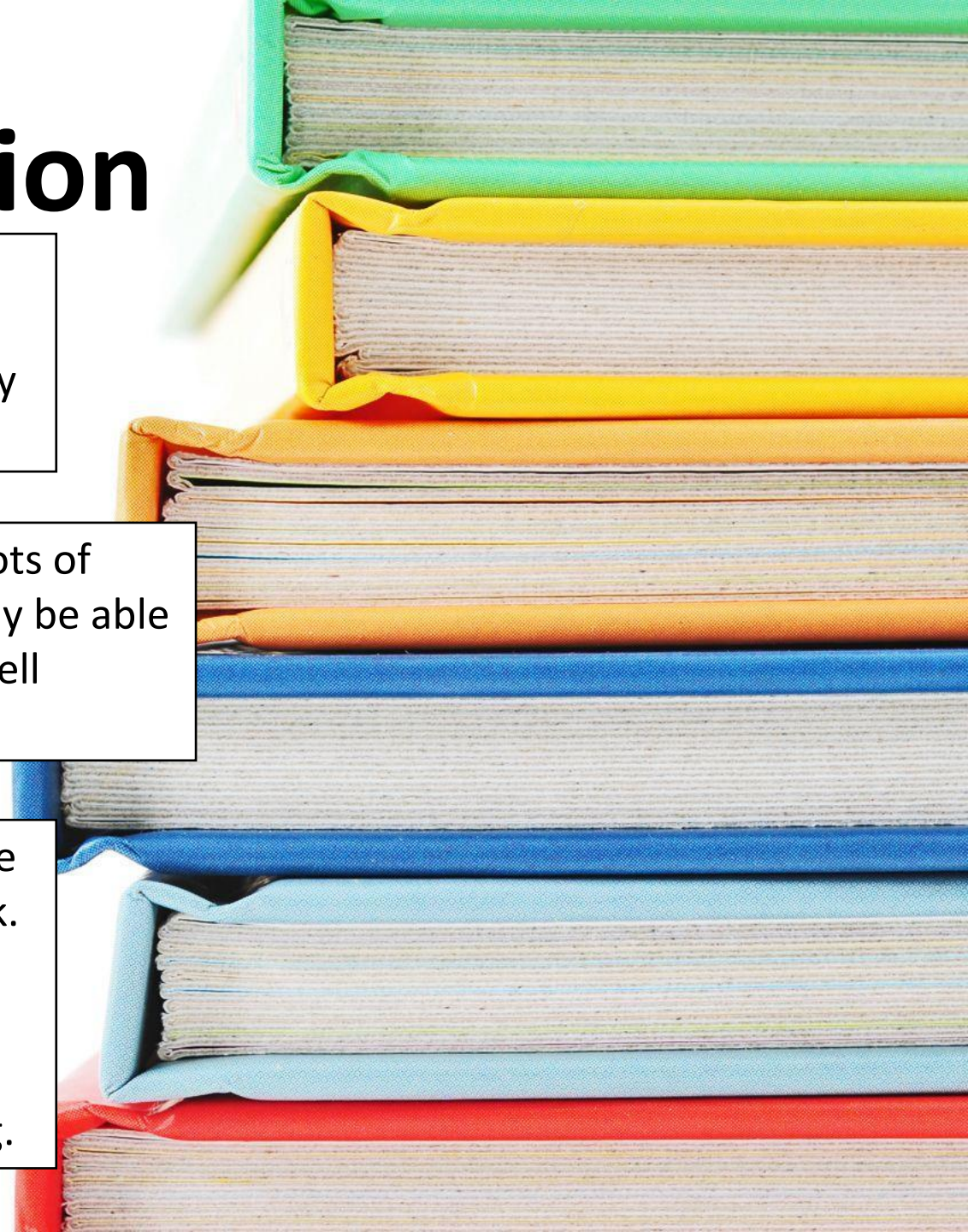
- No Contact book – please use the class email.
- Children will start to learn to change their books themselves when needed.
- Children in Year 2 are expected to be more independent.

Other Class Information

Please avoid sending your child with additional items into the classroom. We have pencils, colouring pencils, glues, rulers etc. Items sent in can sometimes get lost which causes upset or they can be a distraction during learning time.

Please help us to work on spelling numbers as words. Lots of children are finding this quite tricky! They should already be able to spell numbers to twenty and in Year 2 will need to spell numbers to one hundred.

Children who have not finished high frequency words yet will be sent a reminder of their current set to learn on Friday this week. Please let us know when your child has mastered these and we can then assess in class. If your child has completed all sets of these words, we will send home the overview sheet for you to review these as they are not always consistently used in writing.



Other Information

- Please all support the FOMS class Rep(s) because the class fund raisers are important for the class to purchase equipment or resources for activities.
- Please raise any concerns with me - please do not air your worries or views on the class WhatsApp group. Speak to us and we can work together to resolve any concerns.
- Please read the class email at the end of the week as this will include important information.
- Swimming in Term 1 – starts next Friday 11th September.
- There will be a meeting later in the year to discuss Year 2 assessments and how these will be carried out.
- We would love to have volunteer parent readers!
- Please take a Home-School Agreement to sign and return to school.

