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Matisse Class Newsletter Autumn 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand-new school year at CKS! We hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. The children have settled in beautifully, enjoying time with their classmates and sharing their holiday news. We have begun the year by exploring our school values - **Love, Courage, and Hope** and have worked together to agree on our class rules: **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.**

This term, our learning will be guided by two big ideas. In the first half of the term, we will explore the theme of **"Belonging"**, thinking about the different groups we are part of—our families, school, and wider community. After half-term, we will move on to the theme of **"Courage"**, which we will explore through a topic on Antarctica as well as through connections to the Christmas story.

Home Learning

Phonics

Please continue to practise phonics sounds at home with your child to support their reading and writing progress.

Reading

Children are expected to read at least four times each week. Please record and sign each session in their reading diary so we can track progress. When reading together, ask questions and encourage your child to find answers in the text to build comprehension skills.

Spellings

Weekly spelling lists will be sent home, leading up to a short test each week. Revisiting previous lists is also encouraged to strengthen recall and understanding.

Maths

- **Times Tables Rockstars** is a great way to practise quick recall of multiplication facts. In Year 2, we will focus on 2s, 5s, 10s, and 3s.
- **Purple Mash** offers a variety of games to reinforce learning in school. Your child will bring home a letter with their login details.

Reminders

- P.E. kits (indoor and outdoor) should be brought in on **Monday morning** and will stay in school until it needs to be washed. This allows flexibility for changes in our P.E. timetable.
- Please **label all clothing and coats** clearly.
- Bring a **named water bottle** filled at home each day.
- Reading books must be brought to school **every day**.
- If someone other than you is collecting your child, please send us a note or inform the school office. For regular alternative arrangements (e.g. childminders or after-school clubs), please provide a written letter naming the person.

We are very much looking forward to working with your children and building a positive, supportive classroom community. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we are always happy to help.

Warm regards
 The Year 2 Team