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Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Year Two International Primary Curriculum Autumn 2018

During the rest of the autumn term Year 2 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on Movement and entertainment titled 'The circus is coming to town!' This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

1. The subjects of the curriculum with challenging learning goals.
2. Personal development – the characteristics that will help children become more responsible, independent learners.
3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

#### In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to draw faces and understand expressions
- About the work of artists who have painted pictures about the circus

#### In History, we'll be finding out:

- What circuses were like in the past
- About some of the people who made circuses famous
- How circuses have changed over the year

#### In Science, we'll be finding out:

- Which materials would make a waterproof tent
- Which materials to use for circus costumes
- About forces – pushes and pulls in circus acts

#### In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to put up a tent
- How to plan and make circus tents for soft toys

#### In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- How to draw maps and plans of a circus
- How to use maps and atlases to find out about the countries some circus animals come from

**In Physical Education, we'll be finding out:**

- How to use juggling balls
- How to balance and make movements used in circus performances

**In Music, we'll be finding out:**

- About music for the circus
- How to compose and write rhythms and tunes about circus performers

**In ICT, we'll be finding out:**

- How to draw a plan for our own circus
- How to make tickets and a poster for our own circus

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

Your child might ask you general questions about circuses today and in the past and for circus dressing-up clothes for role-play in class.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Year Two Team