

Welcome Back to Class 2!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some time to relax amongst the festivities! Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the generous and thoughtful gifts Mrs Rosello and I received at the end of last term.

This letter will give you some extra information about what we will be covering this term and any changes there are compared to last term. Remember if at any point you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please feel free to approach me on the playground at the end of the day or arrange a time to pop in and see me.

Literacy

This term, the children will be learning about the topic of the weather and using this to inspire them to write stories, recounts of events and narrative diaries.

In order to become a successful writer, it is important that children are consistent with basic sentence punctuation (full stops and capital letters) as well as writing in a clear and neat cursive handwriting style. It would be most helpful if you could encourage your child to write at home (about anything that interests them) with a focus on these targets. I would be happy for children to bring in any quality writing they have done to show during Show & Tell.

Phonics

There have been some changes with groupings and teachers this term to make sure that every child is getting the right level of support. **Please help us to support your child by continuing to ensure that they practise their spellings at least 3 times, write out sentences containing their spelling and the tricky words (words that do not always follow the normal spelling patterns) and hear them read regularly at home.** Our homework policy states reading should be at least 3 times per week but **once a day is strongly recommended to help your child to make the most progress.** If your child is stuck on a word, ask them to use their phonic skills to help blend the sounds together.

Numeracy

This term we will continue to develop the key skills that the children learnt last term. This will prepare the children in Year 2 for their SATs as well as allowing the Year 1 children to try a range of new challenges.

The areas will we cover this term include:

Addition and Subtraction (particular focus on quick recall of number facts)

Multiplication (repeated addition)

Simple division (sharing/repeated subtraction)

Simple Fractions using $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$

Direction (anti/clockwise)

Time (to 5 minute intervals) and *Measuring* (kg/g and cm/m)

Interpret and draw graphs

3D shapes

It is important that your child can confidently use mental addition and subtraction to recite number bond facts to 10 and 20 (e.g. a quick response to "What do you add to 5 to make 17?") and their 2, 5, 10 & 3 times tables. These skills are fundamental to the depth of understanding that children in Key Stage One should develop. It would be extremely beneficial if your child could practise regularly at home.

P.E.

Just a reminder that PE lessons this year will continue to take place on **Wednesday and Friday afternoons.** Please ensure that your child has their correct P.E. kit in school for these

days. This term this includes a warm tracksuit for outside in the cold weather as well as shorts for inside.

| Spring Term Curriculum | |
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| History (2 nd & 1/2 term) | The Life of Florence Nightingale |
| PSHCE | Citizenship – Rights and Responsibilities Emotions |
| RE | What is the Good News that Jesus Brings? Why does Easter Matter to Christians? |
| Science | Materials and their Uses |
| DT (2 nd 1/2 term) | The Designs of Nature |
| PE | Gym skills |
| Geography (1 st 1/2 term) | Weather Patterns |
| Art (1 st 1/2 term) | Puppets |
| ICT | Coding |

Homework

A reminder that all children are given their **Maths homework** on Mathematics on a Monday. Children are expected to have completed this (normally 2 activities) by the following Monday. They will also bring new **spellings** home on a Monday and these need to be returned the following Monday with spellings practised ready for their test. Please ensure your child practises their spellings in their spelling book **3 times** interspersed throughout the seven days and writes their sentences so I am able to see their progression.

Bug books are given out on a Tuesday and are to be returned 2 weeks later on the Monday (on a 2 weekly cycle).

Parent Help!

If you are able to spare any time to come in and hear the children read I would greatly appreciate any offers as the children benefit significantly from reading aloud to an adult on a 1 to 1 basis. Please just let me know if you are available, even if it's just for half an hour at the beginning (9-9.30am) or end (2.30-3pm) of the day! Thank you to everyone who supported us last term. It is greatly appreciated.

SATs

If you have a child in **Year 2** and want to know more about the SATs tests and how best to support your child at home, please come to the Year 2 SATs meeting at **3.05pm on Wednesday 23rd January**. There will be a crèche available.

A Final Thank You

Thank you for all your support last term with homework, the Nativity and church services and all the work you do with your children at home. We are looking forward to another successful school term.

Mr Owen