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Dear families

Term 2 Information for Year 2

Welcome back after the half term holiday. The pupils have really settled back into the 'new normal' of school life and have become used to the routines, expectations and environment as well as getting to know their class teachers well. It has been a pleasure getting to know these wonderful children and a joy to see their enthusiasm and excitement for learning. We had a great Term 1 with the science space topic seeming to spark lots of interest. We hope the same is true as we start our History focused topic on the Restoration period.

Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

P.E.

Will be on a Monday and Friday this term. The children are to wear their PE kits into school for the whole day. Also, the new PE kit is now available but the whole of this year is a uniform transition year so the children can continue to wear their house coloured t-shirt.

Reading:

The children will have one reading book that should be taken home and brought into school every day. The children should read each book twice. This helps the children to decode new words more than once and then develop their expression and fluency as well. When in school, during morning reading each day they can ask an adult to change their reading book. With quarantining rules in school we have less books available at any time so remember to use the Bug Club login as well. It has lots of fun features on there! A child reading little and often and answering a few questions about what they have read makes a huge impact on their progress.

Homework will include:

Reading: Children are expected to read at least 4 times per week at home.

Homework menu: Children can choose from a range of different activities which will be linked to our topic. These will be sent out with your topic web.

Times tables rockstars: Subscriptions and logins are now arranged so you will hear about this in the next few weeks.

Show and Tell:

We have had a number of children bringing in toys and items that they want to show their friends. We will always find time at some point during the week to show any **homework** that the children have completed. We are also happy to share and celebrate any **recent medals/certificates/sporting achievements etc.** in school. However, there is not enough time in the school day for every child to share something. If there is something that you feel should be celebrated please message via Seesaw before sending anything in to avoid any disappointment. The children have been made aware of this rule as well.

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Seesaw

It's particularly important this year that all children are signed up to Seesaw. In the event of our bubble closing, this is how we will share any learning. Please mention to a member of staff at drop off if you are still not connected.

Nativity

Obviously, the school nativity will be unable to operate in the usual way this year with Covid restrictions. However, we still plan to rehearse and perform the Year 2 nativity in the school hall and record this for you all to watch together at home. Expect some more information in the next couple of weeks on this.

Forest School

Every Friday, the children will be doing Forest School. Each week they will alternate doing, either a longer morning or shorter afternoon session. Please send in wellies, waterproofs (all clearly labelled) and any extra layers when it is particularly cold. It would be helpful if these were in a carrier bag so they can be hung on pegs.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 team, we are always happy to talk.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team.

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