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Year 2 Newsletter Spring Term 2020

Dear Parent,

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas break and your children are looking forward to coming back to school. Autumn Term was a huge success for everyone and we are very proud of everything the children have achieved so far this academic year. Spring Term has lots to offer and we are more than certain your child will continue to flourish in Year 2 while learning lots of new things.

Spring Term Topics

Topic work this term will focus on 'Would you like to visit Asia?' Our work will centre on our Geography theme, learning about different cultures and places in Asia. In Reading we will be looking at the story 'Mulan' which is a popular children's book set in China. Our science work will involve looking at different animals in Asia and we will learn about living things and habitats. Please spend time with your children at home questioning them about their learning to see what we have been up to in school.

In English, we are learning all about Witches and Wizards. If you have any stories at home, please let your child bring them into school to share with their friends and the rest of the class.

In DT, we will be looking at foods in different cultures and we are hoping to organise a cooking day in school. Our RE topic work this term will look at the natural world, creation stories and we will be making comparisons between different religious beliefs. This work will also link with PSHCE, allowing us to explore different cultural values and beliefs.

In PE this term, the children will have a two hour PE session on a Tuesday morning and will be doing both Dance and Health and Fitness. Please make sure your child has their PE kits in school on this day. If you prefer, you could bring it to school on a Monday and leave it at school for the week. Last term, there was a number of children who didn't bring PE kit weekly to school, PE is a crucial part of the curriculum and it is essential that your child has the right kit in school so they can take part.





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Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this term's 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children change their books weekly and they also have the opportunity to bring home a library book. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last term's reading party was a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those weekly reads in!

School Trips

Last term's trips to Whitby and the Mining Museum were a huge success and the experiences help assist our children with their learning. I have already thought about trips for this term, please see a separate letter regarding the information. Again, the trips planned will give the children a better insight into the topics that we are teaching them to support the learning throughout the term. We will also be visiting the library again this term to find books which link with our learning and topics.

Homework

Homework in the Spring Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. Please check your child's bag for spellings every Monday and assist your child when practising the spellings throughout the week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and discuss them. Here's to another great term,

Thank you,

Miss Price

