

Dear parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a wonderful Christmas break, I wish you all a happy new year and I can't wait to see what 2018 has in store! We always see lots of progress from the children during the spring term as the children are really settled into year 2. Our topic this term is entitled 'Miraculous Journeys' which is a geography driven topic. Details of this are given on our topic overview. We are experiencing our first class novel study in year 2, which is something that key stage 2 have been doing for a couple of terms now. As well as geography being our driver, we will also be linking back to our class novel 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. Every child will receive their own copy of this book, which must be kept in school, as it's important all the children read and experience the new learning together and not whizz off ahead at home! We hope this will be a very exciting and beneficial learning experience for the children. We have had a change to staffing arrangements. As I'm sure you are aware, Mrs Green is no longer the teaching assistant in the classroom but will be covering the class during my PPA time whilst Mrs Dickinson takes her maternity leave. Miss Crosby will be returning back to being our full time classroom teaching assistant as of 22nd January. Miss Heslam is working with our class until Miss Crosby returns. We are all very much looking forward to the term ahead; this is an important year for your child and so thank you in anticipation for the support offered at home to continue your child's learning through completion of homework and regular reading. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to myself or another member of the team, we are available daily on the playground before and after school also any information is welcomed through the reading records. Best wishes, Miss Footitt and Class Peru team

Physical Education

Please ensure your child has a **named** full kit suitable for indoor and outdoor P.E. We like to take children outside (if possible) all year round so warmer P.E clothing and suitable outdoor trainers are needed. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed. Usual P.E days will be;

Monday & Friday

This may need to change time to time so P.E kits are best left in school

Curriculum Info

In addition to our main topic learning, some subjects need to be taught discretely (not always making direct links to the topic). This term we will also be covering:

Phonics/ spelling & Reading - taught daily

Maths - number, place value and measures

Science: living things in their habitats

RE: Christian belief and lifestyle

PSHE: diversity and community

PE& Games: Real P.E

Computing - turtle logo and programming

Music - composition / tuned and untuned instruments

Homework

Daily reading at home and practising their weekly spellings is a vital part of consolidation for year 2 children. Please record what they read in their reading diaries and sign once their book is complete so they can change it. Weekly homework is sent home on an English/topic, maths and reading cycle. This is usually sent out on a Friday and due back in the following Thursday unless stated otherwise. Thank you for your support and feedback regarding homework, it is very much appreciated.