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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another school year and to all Class 2 pupils. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. As always there is a lot of hard work ahead for all of us but I know, with lots of effort, we will have another enjoyable and successful year.

Homework

This will be given out every Friday online with my maths. Homework should be completed within one week online (paper copies available and please remember to call in if any concerns). In addition, I would ask that all children must read at least 3 times a week. Children are free to change their books when necessary, although this is usually done on Friday. Certain children who need extra help with reading will be heard every week and we try to record this in planners. Whatever stage your child is at in reading please encourage reading for enjoyment and understanding and also to help them to develop research skills. Times tables tests and practise will also continue in addition to the above and children will be regularly tested in class.

In Literacy Class 2 will continue to look at grammar, punctuation, spellings and sentence work in addition to: List poems and Kennings in Poetry, Recounts, Fairy tales and Playscripts; using the fantastic book the 'Pea and the Princess. As always I will continue to place a strong emphasis on handwriting and presentation. Every child will practise school cursive handwriting and be encouraged to take pride in their work.

In Numeracy we will be working hard again in all areas of basic maths, focusing on addition/ subtraction, multiplication/ division, fractions, time, areas and shape. Children will be working towards securing and applying basic skills and applying their knowledge to mental maths and challenges. As previously mentioned, I would encourage all children to practise times tables and extend their knowledge to corresponding division facts ready for tests. Your support at home with homework or extra work is always appreciated.

Every child will be asked to complete a project at home on a given topic. This term the children will focus their project on 'The Environment, Climate or The Eco-system' and will be given a date in which to present their topic to the class over the next few weeks. This can be done in any chosen way and does not have to be by PowerPoint. Sketches, handmade artefacts, posters or fact sheets are welcomed. The purpose of the project is to give the children a chance to extend their own learning and present their work back to the class, thereby encouraging their speaking and listening skills.

In R.E we will be looking at 'Jesus the Son of God' and then we will explore the 'Joy and sadness at Easter'. We will also continue to follow our class worship themes each week. PHSE will focus on Keeping our bodies healthy and we will welcome our yearly visit from the Life Bus.

In Art this term we will be using collage and exploring the Chinese Dragons and the Chinese New Year and this term year 3 and 4 will also have Art and Musical theatre during Fantastic Friday.

Our ICT will begin with, online digital safety and after half-term we will be looking at ICT Heroes, using programmes and a variety of software and beginning to re-write our own.

P.E this term will be on Thursday and we will continue to follow Lancashire plans for Games and Dance.

This term we will continue to study French as part of our Modern Foreign Languages using 'Light Bulb' French.

Music will be taught by Mrs Lilley following our music programme. Children also have the opportunity to have lessons in brass and singing with outside agency teachers.

Our humanities focus is History this term, where we will be travelling back in time looking closely at the 'How much the Ancient Egyptians achieved'. Then a fantastic unit for Geography called 'Cool climate', learning all about the climates around the world.

In Science we will become experts in 'The Environment, living things and their habitats'. After half term we have an exciting topic on Plants - 'Functions of Parts of a Plant'.

Another exciting and fun term to look forward to. Once again thank you for all your support and I look forward to another successful year in Class 2.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

Mrs Millward