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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y2 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year from the Year 2 Team! Your children have had a great first week back. The purpose of this newsletter is to remind you of information about routines and expectations in Year 2.

This term's curriculum

Our overarching topics this term will be **Important People** followed by **Chocolate**.

Subject	Topic
Science	Uses of Everyday Materials/Plants
History	Significant Individuals (Isambard Kingdom Brunel)
Geography	Understand the similarities and Differences between the UK and South America
Art	Drawing and Painting (Portraits)
D.T	Mechanisms
R.E	Ideas about God/ The Easter Story
PSHE	Keeping Safe/ Rights and Responsibilities
Music	Ourselves/Storytime and Travel
Computing	Spreadsheets/Questioning
P.E	Dance and Gymnastics/Dodgeball

Homework

Reading

We would like to remind that your child will be issued with a reading book, at least weekly. We will be reading with your child at school and recording any comments in their reading record as a way of communicating their reading successes, and sometimes words or sounds to practise at home.

When your child comes home with their book, please spend time looking at the cover of the book together and discussing what you both think might happen by using the title, pictures and blurb. When reading the book, please encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to solve any unknown words. Sometimes picture clues might also help them. The books will also contain some common exception words which are words we just need to learn by sight. We would encourage you to ask your child to re-read each book as there are lots of benefits to this; they build understanding of the story, start to remember tricky words by sight and they can become more fluent at blending new words thus hearing themselves as readers and gaining confidence.

It would be fantastic if you could listen to your child read daily, however we do realise that sometimes this is not possible! As before, children will be receiving gems for reading at home. Please do also continue to use the comments section in their reading record to communicate any successes or concerns at home.

Maths

Your child should continue to spend 10 minutes each week on Numbots. Their username and password is attached to their reading record. This is a fantastic program that the school has brought into for your child to develop their number fluency. Rapid recall of number facts is an essential foundation for solving problems and making links in maths – Numbots is a fun, pictorial way of doing this. Please ensure your



child completes their weekly 10 minute target (or longer!) Any questions about this program, please ask Mrs Hawkins, who will happily give you a demonstration. We will continue to be rewarding gems for children who complete Numbots and there are even weekly certificates!

Library

The children will continue to have a weekly visit to the school library to select a book to bring home. This will be Thursdays. Please make sure that your child returns their library book every week so that they can be issued with a new one. Our system will not issue a new book to your child without the previous one being returned.

P.E.

PE is taught Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be indoors and outdoors. Please ensure your child wears their correct PE kit on these days; black joggers/shorts, trainers, white t-shirt and red school jumper. Any ear-rings must be taped (you can do this at home or send your child to school with tape to do themselves).

Outdoor Learning

We do sometimes take our learning outside so please ensure your child always has a warm coat. We do have a welly rack if you have some spare wellies for your child to keep at school and a peg for any spare waterproofs.

Hair, ear-rings, shoes and nail varnish

In accordance with our school uniform policy, please ensure all long hair is tied up, this is to prevent distractions and ensure your child's safety. If your child wears ear-rings they must only be stud ear-rings for safety. Nail varnish is not part of our school uniform and black school shoes must be worn on non-PE days.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hawkins & Mrs Alcock

Year 2 Teaching Team