



# Y2 Newsletter

## Spring 1 2019



Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We are looking forward to working together with you and your child this term and have many exciting topics planned. We attach a copy of our Spring 1 curriculum overview of topics that will be taught this half term. We hope that your child continues to enjoy school and work hard throughout the year. As always if you have any questions or concerns please see the class teachers as soon as possible, we are here to help.

### Teachers in Year 2

Mrs Parker will teach Y2 Monday to Thursday lunchtime and the children will be taught by Mrs Blakeman on a Thursday afternoon and Friday. The Big Write will take place on a Wednesday or Thursday with Big Talk Homework given out on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Mrs Carmon and Ms Carr will be our teaching assistants throughout the week.

### Pirate Afternoon in Year 2...

We will be focusing on pirates and explorers this half term. On **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** I would like the children to bring something that a pirate would wear and in the afternoon we will dress up and take part in pirate themed activities. **We will not dress up in the morning due to family photographs being taken in school.** This topic has already generated plenty of excitement and interest from the children and I look forward to working with the class on this theme.

### Important Dates

18/1/19 Celebration assembly for good work and 'Star of the Week' begins

30/1/19 Year 2 Pirate Afternoon

15/2/19 Awards

### Reading and Library

Whenever your child reads please ensure the diary is dated and signed with any relevant comments. Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They will need to keep their reading diary and book in their book bags to bring to school every day. The children will be given the opportunity to change their library book on a Wednesday. If their book is not in school they will not be able to choose a new one.

## Reminders

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- The children will be doing PE on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** this half term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week and that all items are clearly labelled. Ear rings cannot be worn in PE lessons.
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are expected to check them each morning and give things in before the morning register. They are also prompted by the teacher to check for letters.
- The children will have a weekly spelling on a Friday. Children will be given spellings to learn on a Friday to take home and will be tested the following week.
- Homework will generally be an English and Maths task but may also include topic work and research depending on what is being taught that week. It will be given out on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday. The homework topics will consolidate work done during the previous week so the children are able to complete it independently. **Any homework given in late will not be marked until the following week.** All the class continue to be registered on MyMaths and SPAG.com so that some homework tasks can be done online. Passwords are at the front of the homework diary.
- Please support your child with their homework. This extra consolidation has a huge impact on their progress in school.

## Show and Tell

The show and tell passes worked extremely well before Christmas and we will continue with them this half term. New passes will be issued next week. They may earn extra passes as rewards for good behaviour and work. They will need to be selective about what they would like to share as they won't receive another pass until after February half term unless they earn it.