



Dear Year 2 parents,

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts and cards that I received at Christmas. I felt very spoilt and appreciated. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families.

Please find below the curriculum for term ahead.

SUBJECT	TOPICS
MATHS	Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Geometry - properties of shape, Fractions and Measurement: Length and Height.
LITERACY	<i>Read, Write Inc. or Literacy & Language</i> The children will also continue reading with their year 5 Buddies.
SCIENCE	Animals and Habitats
GEOGRAPHY	Maps and Landmarks
HISTORY	Rosa Parks Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole
PE	Indoor PE will be Dance and Gymnastics Outdoor PE will be Games
COMPUTING	Databases and coding (taught by Mrs Smithson)
ART	Mother Nature designer
DT	Making moving vehicles
RE	Special Places and Easter
MUSIC	Taking Off and What's The Score The children will also be learning how to play the Glockenspiels

Homework - This will go home every Thursday. Homework will consist of a task linked to either Maths, Literacy or one of our topics and a short times table task. All homework will be due in the following Monday unless stated otherwise. Spellings will also be sent home on Thursday. Children need to bring back both their Spelling log books and homework books on **Monday** even if tasks have not been completed. Ideally homework tasks should take no more than about 20 minutes. Please sign homework books and any comments on the task set are always welcome.

Spellings - There will be 10 new spelling words each week that will all follow the same spelling pattern. (There is a tip at the bottom of each page of their log book which should help). The spelling test will consist of 6 of these words and will usually take place on a Monday. A copy of the spelling test will then be stuck into their log books. Children will highlight or tick the spellings they got right so this will give you an indication of how they are doing. Spellings can be practised on whiteboards, scrap paper etc. Children do not need to record them anywhere for me, as they will already have done this in class.

Reading - Children need to try and read for 5-10 minutes every evening. Reading books and reading records need to be brought into school **everyday**, even if it is not their day to change books. Please remember to sign and/or write a comment in their reading records once they have read their books so that they can change them for new ones. In addition, children may also bring in a book from home to read in school, if you are happy for them to do so.

Home Link Books - Please bring Home Link Books to school each day. Please remind your child if you have written a message for me in their home-link book so that they remember to give it to me. Please remember to write if they are being collected by someone other than their regular adult or message the office if you forget. If you have a regular arrangement with another parent for pick up, please also note this in the Home Link Book and it will save you having to write a message every week.

Uniform - Long hair needs to be tied back. Jewellery of any kind is not allowed and pierced ears need to be taped over. Also, nail varnish is not allowed and needs to be removed as soon as possible. Ties should be worn as part of the winter uniform.

PE Kits - PE lessons are usually on Tuesday and Thursday, although this may change depending on the hall timetable. PE kits will go home at half term to be washed unless you request otherwise. Please remember to label all items including the bag as we had several pieces go missing last term. Please include a pair of socks if your child regularly wears tights as they may not want to wear tights during their PE lesson.

I am usually around for an informal chat after school but please feel free to make an appointment if you wish to discuss any issues in detail. Parents evenings this term will be on 6th and 8th February 2018.

Mrs Gosling