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Dear Parent & Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you have enjoyed a happy Easter break with your families and that your child is ready for the busy, but exciting term ahead.

The information in this letter is to provide you with information about the Summer Term

The next few weeks will be very busy preparing for end of year 2 assessments. We are trying to keep these as stress free as possible at school and would ask that you do the same at home.

Summer Term Curriculum Coverage

Please see the attached Year 2 Curriculum Map for the Summer term. This provides an overview of the key topics and skills that will be covered this term.

Our topic for the Summer term is *Inventions*, which we feel will give lots of opportunities for hands on learning as well as covering many curriculum areas.

After half term we plan to have an inventor's day where the children will have the chance to design and make their own 'invention'. In preparation for this we would be very grateful if you could start collecting any items that you think would be suitable e.g bottle tops, chains, tubes, boxes etc. Thank you in advance

This term in Science, our topic is habitats so we have arranged a visit in June to the Rye Meads RSPB reserve. We will be taking part in mini-beast and pond habitat workshops. More details about this will follow shortly.

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud at home to an adult every day. This is to be recorded in their Reading Record books which will be checked throughout the week. Our focus in Year 2 is to develop a deeper understanding of what they have read, using inference to answer questions about the book . At the same time children will need to hear, share and discuss a wide range of high-quality books to develop a love of reading and broaden their vocabulary.

Spelling

The children will continue to learn their Rainbow Words and each reading group will be tested on a different day.

Learning Logs

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Learning logs will be sent home on a Thursday and need to be returned on Tuesday. Children should spend approximately 30 minutes on each task.

Class Bear

We will be continuing to send home Snuggles , our class bear. The class bear goes home on a Friday and should be returned to school on a Tuesday.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child's P.E kit is in school for these days. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will receive a letter.

Equipment

Can you please ensure that your child has the following items in school at all times:

- A water bottle
- P.E. kit

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school uniform at all times and that it is all named.

Parent Surgery

It is important to encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately. Appointments can be booked via the school office.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact us and arrange an appointment. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Watson and Mrs Vincent-Lake