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Dear Parent & Carers

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you have enjoyed a happy Christmas 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 term ahead.

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.

Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

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

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 on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our focus in Year 2 is to show a greater depth in understanding about what is being read and to read a variety of texts at greater lengths. 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 key words for spellings and these will be checked weekly.

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

In Year 2 this term, we have a special teddy bear called Snuggles. The class bear goes home on a Friday and should be returned to school the following week. He has his own book for your child to record

anything exciting that he might have got up to during his visit. Snuggles is given out to children who have worked particularly hard at something or shown thoughtfulness towards others.

PE

PE bags need to be in school every day. 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. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled and that children have tracksuit bottoms and jumpers for the colder weather.

Equipment

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

- A water bottle - named
- Book bag- named
- P.E. kit- named (including spare socks and underwear)
- Wellies- for wet ground in the winter months

Uniform

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

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. We are hoping to incorporate a church visit as part of our RE work and a history inventions workshops. Both of these will not incur any cost.

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
Class Teachers