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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to year 2. We are delighted to have the children back with us once again after the Christmas break.

In English this term, we will be reading a selection of stories by Hans De Beer all about Lars the polar bear and his many adventures, *The Day The Crayons Quit*, *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers and a North Pole/ South Pole flip book. These books will be the stimuli for our writing outcomes this term which will include an adventure story, a non-chronological report and an informal letter.



In our Geography lessons this term, our theme is 'What is it like in Polar Regions?' The children will be using atlases, globes and maps to locate Polar Regions. We will also be looking at the weather patterns in polar regions as well as understanding the similarities and differences between polar regions and the UK.

In our History lessons after half term, we will be exploring and researching 'The Great Fire of London.' During this topic we will be learning about how and why the fire happened. We will also discuss the key events of the fire and order them chronologically on a timeline.

This term in Science, we will be learning about Living Things around the world and learning the names of different plants and animals and their habitats. We will be carrying out some exciting experiments linked to our Polar Adventures topic. Also this term, we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitat. We will be exploring the differences between things that are living, and things that have never been alive. In addition to this the children will also be looking at how animals obtain their food from plants as well as learning about the food chain.

PE will take place **twice a week** this year on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please send the children in with a named P.E kit. As it will soon start to get cold, can you please also send in a winter P.E kit: sweatshirt and jogging bottoms. They can bring this home every Friday or at the end of each half term if you would prefer.

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Homework

As per our Homework Policy, children in year 2 will be expected to spend 1 hour a week on homework activities. Over the year these will include:

- Reading
- Spellings
- Handwriting practice
- Reading comprehension activities
- Grammar and punctuation activities
- Learning number facts and number bonds
- Practising calculation strategies learned in class

Supporting your children at home with their reading, spellings and number facts plays a vital role in helping them make progress. It is wonderful to see the improvements that can be made and, with your support, all children will be able to consolidate these essential skills.

Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday. Please encourage the children to complete their homework every week.

This term will be a very busy one. They will be expected to work hard and stay focussed and your support in encouraging them to do this, would be very much appreciated.

REMINDERS

Water bottles are to be sent in everyday and can also be taken home daily.

As the weather is currently very cold, please send your child in with hats, gloves and scarves etc.

Lunchboxes can be brought in each day, as well as their reading books and diaries. The satchel style reading bags are perfect for this.

We would like to encourage children to read every day, and their reading diaries will be checked every Thursday. Thank you for your support with this.

Mr Devaney, Mrs Parton-Harris and Mrs Lena.
Year 2 team.