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Dear Families of Year 2,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, filled with special moments and time to recharge. As we step into the Spring term, we are excited for the many opportunities and adventures that lie ahead. It's wonderful to have the children back, full of energy and enthusiasm, and we're looking forward to a fantastic term of learning and growth.

Below is some information about the Spring term in Year 2 that I hope will be helpful.

P.E. KITS

For the first half of the Spring term, P.E. will be taught on **Monday (pm)** and **Thursday (pm)**.

For the second half of the Spring term, P.E. will be taught on **Monday (am)** and **Wednesday (pm)**.

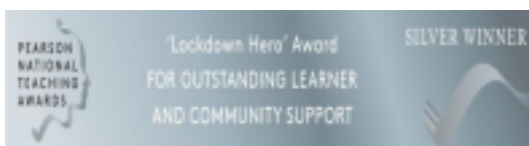
Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full PE kits on these days (NB. black or navy base layers may be worn under PE kit in cold weather). Please note that earrings and jewellery **cannot** be worn for P.E. Please remove earrings on P.E. days.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on a **Thursday** via the Google Classroom, to be handed in on the following **Tuesday**. Please contact me if you require your child's login details via the Year 2 email address (see below).

In addition to this, we encourage children to read at home **daily**, so please continue to hear your child read at home and read to them to model good reading. A note of this should be kept in their reading record book.

Children will change their reading books every **Monday** but please ensure that your child brings their reading book to school each day so we are also able to read with them at school throughout the week.





SPELLINGS

We will be doing daily spelling sessions aiming to build on and improve spelling of both high frequency words and spelling rules and patterns. We will use phonics and spelling rules to do this. Each week the homework will include some spelling based on the spelling patterns we have been practicing.

SPRING TERM CURRICULUM OVERVIEW IN YEAR 2

Maths: Statistics, addition and subtraction, measurement, multiplication and division.

English: Traditional tales (*Rapunzel*, *Julian is a mermaid*), instructions (*Big blue whale*), poetry (*Free verse & simile*).

Science: Materials - uses of everyday materials. Animals - life cycles and health.

RE: Islam - How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful? Salvation - Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Geography: Why is our world wonderful? Learning about the world's wonders.

History: Great fire of London - Understanding the events and impact on London.

Computing: Creating pictures, making music.

Art: Sculpture and 3D: Clay houses.

D&T: Preparing fruits.

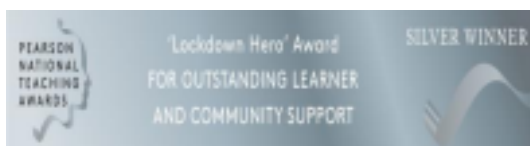
PSHE: Health and wellbeing, Safety and the changing body, and Citizenship.

Music: I wanna be in a band - sing, play, improvise and compose. Zootime - pulse, rhythm, pitch and playing tuned instruments

PE: Gymnastics, team building, dance and target games.

GROWTH MINDSET AND MINDFULNESS

Having a 'Growth Mindset' is a massive asset to learners. We want our children to take risks, accept challenges, think positively and learn from mistakes. Families can support children to develop their Growth Mindsets by sharing positive messages about learning. We will be reinforcing messages such as, "*Mistakes help me learn!*" and "*Small progress is still progress - keep going!*". We will also be helping the children to develop 'Mindfulness' skills, which will involve learning relaxing breathing and visualisation techniques.





NOTICES

Collection: As always, if your child is going home with someone other than yourselves please let me know via the Year 2 email (see below) or via the office.

Forest school: Year 2 are not scheduled to go to Forest School on a weekly basis but we certainly hope to go to Forest School at least once each half-term. When we do I will be sure to give plenty of advance notice to bring in welly boots and any other clothing.

Pebble Jar treats: Year 2 enjoyed their pebble jar treat last term and are already earning pebble jar treats again for this term! Again, I will be sure to let you know when they have filled the Pebble Jar and what their chosen treat is.

Class Trips: We haven't yet booked any class trips but when we do I will be sure to give plenty of advance notice.

Donation wish list: As we continue through the colder months, we would be extremely grateful for more donations of boxes of tissues in Year 2!

COMMUNICATION

If you have any questions about your child or Year 2, or if you want to arrange a conversation with me, please contact me via the Year 2 email - year2@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk. I will be checking this email every day.

I'm looking forward to a great term ahead and am excited to see all the progress the children will make.

Best wishes,,

Mr Worth

