



28th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a good half term break.

Our curriculum this half term is as follows:

Class novel: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

English: We'll be linking our writing this term to 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and 'When the Giant Stirred'. This will include diaries (life on a desert island), persuasive writing (is it a good idea to sail around the world for a year?) and stories which give a mythical explanation for volcanoes!

Maths: Fractions; percentages; ratio and proportion; geometry (angles); measurement (length, perimeter, mass, area and volume). This will be accompanied by regular times tables skills sessions and application of calculation strategies in problem solving.

Science: Light: exploring light and shadow. We'll then make shadow puppets and use them in a play.

PE: Netball and swimming

RE: Divali; Christmas - What unites the Christian community?

Geography: Volcanoes and earthquakes

French: My family

Design Technology: Christmas games

Computing: As we get to know our new chromebooks, Class 2 will learn how to work collaboratively using Google docs. We'll then use our skills as part of our Christmas games planning and promotion.

Music: Using our knowledge gained from the 'sound' topic last term, we will explore a number of different instruments, before moving on to some rock and pop in the lead up to Christmas.

PSHE: Bullying

Please could all pupils have an old shirt in school to put over their uniform when doing Art and DT. We will be continuing to take our learning outdoors throughout the winter so **please could all pupils have a pair of wellies in school.**

PE

PE and swimming will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons.

Homework

Daily reading - All children should read a quality text of an appropriate level that they bring into school each day and take home each night, completing their reading record daily. Children will read books from a structured reading scheme until we decide they are ready to become a 'free reader'.

Extra books can be borrowed from the school library and, in addition, a list of recommended texts is included on the class page of the website should you wish to buy suitable books of your own for your child.

Learning Log - We ask that you child completes **at least one** of the tasks included in the learning log and returns it to school before the half term break. We hope your child will find the various activities interesting, motivating and complementary to the topics they are studying in class. Completed pieces of work will be shared, celebrated and rewarded.

Weekly spellings - These will be tested each Friday. Spellings for the whole term have been sent home and are also available on the class page of the website. Please support your child in learning their spellings.

Maths:

Times tables - In preparation for a weekly times tables test, a times tables homework will be set each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Year 5 will receive an additional maths homework weekly. This will be set on a Friday for the following Friday.

Year 6 homework - Year 6 will be set: a maths homework each Wednesday to be completed for the following Wednesday; a reading comprehension each week to be marked together on Monday.

If you would like to speak to us about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or in person at the beginning or end of the school day or by phone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Martin and Mrs Bowskill

What your child needs in school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 Comprehension homework		Year 6 Maths homework	PE Swimming	Spelling test Times tables test Year 5 Maths homework
Reading book Reading record	Reading book Reading record	Reading book Reading record	Reading book Reading record	Reading book Reading record

