

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a well deserved rest over the festive period and that the children are ready for an enjoyable Spring Term. Thanks to those of you who brought in your Stuart houses ...



This half term Year 2 learning is based around Explorers – the topic has a geography focus but also gives us scope to find out about significant individuals and explorers as we investigate our question linked to our Gospel Values.

'How do explorers show courage?'

The children are going to have lots of opportunities to develop their geography skills as they name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans, the North and South Pole and the equator. In maths, we continue our work on division which then leads us to explore fractions of numbers and shape. We will then spend an additional two weeks learning about the vocabulary used to describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

In English the children will focus upon key texts and use their learning of these to innovate and create their own versions. They will continue to work on using conjunctions to extend sentences and to widen their vocabulary to describe, in order to catch the reader's attention!

As part of this term's topic we are hoping we can book virtual reality experience in class provided by our school IT team for which there will be a request for a small contribution—more to follow once this is arranged!

With kind regards,

Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Atkinson and Miss Pain

Reading Awards: Pink– 25 reads– earned by:-

Charlie M-N, Amber-Rose, Charlie C-H, Noah, Oliver W, River, Sophia, Tobias, Ana, Evie, Harry, Manni, Marnie, Melina.

Reading Awards: Bronze—50 reads—earned by:

Adrian, Benji, Hanna, Harley, Isaac B, Isaac F, Jacob, Lennie, Leon, Liliana, Maja, Marnie, Sienna, Sophie, Ritchie, Olivier, Lorenzo, Julia, Joshua, Imogen, Everley, Arianne and Adam

Reading Awards: Silver—75 reads—earned by:

Benji, Harley, Isaac F, Jacob, Liliana, Sienna, Hope, Mia, Olivia and Sara

Reading Awards: Gold– 100 reads– earned by:

Adrianna, Luke, Sienna

Helpful Reminders:

With windows remaining open around the school, in line with government guidelines, please can children wear enough under layers to keep them warm.

PE kits to be worn on a Monday and Friday.

Home Learning

Weekly spellings will continue to be provided on Tuesdays in red home learning logs. The children know they are expected to practice these daily.

Please continue to complete the suggested tasks set on IXL each week to follow up lessons in school. We are asked to monitor completion of this each week.

All Year 2 children now have access to Times Tables Rock Stars to support their mental recall of multiplication tables, starting with x10 tasks that we have set initially.

Reading

Children are reminded to change their three reading books every Monday and Thursday as needed. It is imperative, that parents write **and date** a reading comment and sign the Reading Record for our reading awards. We count **one daily** reading signatures in our class Reading Race. We encourage children to read **and re-read texts** to gain confidence and fluency—they may well some times choose a book they have read before, and this is also ok—we all have our favourites!