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A warm welcome to the Spring Term in Year 2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have all had a festive and relaxing Christmas break.

This half term our overarching topic is 'Pirates' and we have planned many appealing learning opportunities around this theme. So that you are able to support your child in their learning, please see our topic outline accompanying this letter and read the year group weekly blogs located on the school website (click on **Children** and then the appropriate year group). We will, wherever possible, make cross-curricular links to make the learning more meaningful to the children.

Reading

We will continue to write comments in the reading diaries the children were using last term. Please note that reading assessments are ongoing by the class teacher and children will be moved to the most appropriate book band for them as and when they are assessed. Please leave comments about your child's reading at home if you wish, although this is not compulsory. We do ask that you sign and date in the reading diary to indicate and evidence any reading that takes place at home. It is also helpful to record a page number to show where reading should commence in case your child has the opportunity to continue their book at school. Reading Records should continue to be brought to and from school every day along with their current reading book. Children may change their reading book as often as they like, as long as they have finished their previous book. They are already aware of where and how reading books are stored and are capable at this stage of changing their book themselves, with a few reminders from us of course! Extra reading can be found on your child's Bug Club account – a really good way of encouraging reluctant readers!

Homework

Aside from daily reading, homework will continue to be sent out on a Friday and will need to be completed and returned on the following Monday. Weekly spelling tests take place on a Monday morning, in the back of their yellow spelling book with the new spellings written by the children into the front of their books. Additional learning can be accessed on Mathletics and Purple Mash.



P.E. Kits

Your children will need P.E. kits in school on the following days:

Dolphin: Every Wednesday and Thursday.

Seal: Every Thursday and Friday.

Penguin: Every Tuesday and Thursday.

Please check that all items inside the P.E. kit as well as the bag itself are fully labelled with your child's full name so that any lost property can be quickly returned. Guidance on earrings is that ideally they should be removed on PE days, or at the very least covered with plasters that they put on themselves. Children may be asked to sit out of any PE activities in which their teacher feels they are at risk of injury even with covered earrings.

Key Dates

During the course of the term, there are some important key dates which you should add to your diaries:

- Monday 14th January 2019 – Teacher led clubs start this week
- Thursday 31st January 2019 – PTA school disco
- Friday 1st February 2019 – PTA bags to school
- Tuesday 12th February 2019 and Thursday 14th February 2019 – Parents' Evenings
- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019 – Half term
- Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day
- Monday 11th – Friday 15th March 2019 – Book Fair
- Friday 15th March 2019 – Red Nose Day
- Monday 18th March 2019 - Last week of teacher led clubs
- Friday 5th April – End of spring term (1.30pm finish)

If you have any quick queries throughout the school year, all of the class teachers will be at the Year Two door every day in the morning and after school. You can also send messages to us via your child's Reading Diary or by personal letter. Should you have any concerns, however, which would require a more lengthy discussion, then please do not hesitate to book an appointment through the office to see your child's class teacher.

We are all very much looking forward to an engaging and happy term and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Sibley

