

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great Christmas!

The spring term is as full as ever and we are all ready to start our new topics.

Numeracy and Literacy lessons are continuing on a daily basis and work will be differentiated to meet the needs of your child. In Year 2 the numeracy work is very much concerned with using and applying and therefore the basic skills of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing are practised and developed. The homework your child is given will reflect what is taking place in the classroom. We send home three pieces of homework a week, given as one set on a Friday to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. This takes the form of some numeracy work, literacy and spellings. Reading takes place in school during the week with home/ school reading books being changed twice a week. Please feel free to comment and give us information in your child's reading record with regard to their progress.

In the first half of the term our Science topic is 'Plants and Animals' and in the second half term we will be learning all about 'Health and Growth'. In Computing we will cover a range of areas including using an online screen maze, showing respect online, and introduction to 'Scratch' the move block and communicating through a lense. This half term in Geography we will be using our mapping skills to compare our local area to an area called 'Watamu' in Kenya. Next half term History lessons will see us learning all about the famous person 'Florence Nightingale'. In Art we will be looking at an artist called Giuseppe Arcimboldo and we will create pieces of art using printing. In the second half term in DT we will design and create a food dish. In music we will continue to learn how to play the Glockenspiel. The RE topics for the term are Islam and Christianity with a focus on the Easter story. In PSHE we will learn about healthy lifestyles and relationships.

Maple Class will be taught PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. However, please ensure that your child's kit is in school every day, as these PE slots are subject to change. Pumps or trainers are part of the PE kit and must also be in school all of the time.

Targets

All updated reading, writing and numeracy targets for your child were shared in their Milestone Report at the end of last term. Your children should be able to tell you what their individual targets are. If you need their targets sharing with you again please feel free to ask.

Our class assembly will be held on the Thursday 19th March 2015 and 3.00pm. All are welcome to come along.

Homework

We will continue to send homework out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday. We would like to stress the importance of reading with your child regularly at home, this really does help.

You will be invited to attend a parent's evening later on this term; however, do not hesitate to pop in if you have anything you wish to discuss with us.

Thank you for your continuing support, and a special thank you for the generous messages and gifts that we received at Christmas.

Mrs McKinnon, Mrs Churchouse, Mrs Murphy and Miss Nicholson