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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. We have a very busy Spring term ahead. I will be ably supported in this by Mrs Joel, Mrs McMenamin, Miss Flynn and Mrs Ventress at varying times throughout the week. Here are the areas your child will cover this term:

In Literacy we will start off by looking at stories with a familiar setting, before moving on to writing non-chronological reports in history. We will also look at stories by the same author. The term will be rounded off with letter writing. There will also be daily phonic sessions and weekly handwriting lessons.

Maths work will focus on place value, counting, multiplication, division, ordering numbers and consolidating addition and subtraction facts. We will also be looking at length, time, shape and money.

Homework will continue to be spellings and handwriting which will be set on Fridays and returned by Friday.

Guided reading days will remain as last term, the expectation being that the children continue to read aloud at home regularly (if possible daily) with an adult.

Spellings will continue to be given out on Fridays to be learnt at home, and reinforced in school, before a test on the following Friday.

The **maths facts** (based on what we're covering in class and your child's personal target) should to be learnt for instant recall and will be on-going throughout the term. Your children really benefit from the support given at home and I appreciate your continuing efforts in this.

P.E. days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, allowing the children opportunities to take part in dance and games this term.

As ever, it would be helpful, to please keep P.E. kits in school each day in case we take other opportunities to be active! Yet another plea - could you also check that pumps still fit?

In R.E. we will be studying the church and other special places.

In Computing we will be doing some simple programming and debugging followed by staying safe online, including looking at cyber bullying, and how to search efficiently.

In music, we will be busy learning the songs to take part in this year's Music Festival which will take place in the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> March. More details about tickets will follow when I know our allocation.

Our new topic this half term is '**Dangerous Jobs**' which will give us the opportunity to learn about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.

Next half term our topic will be '**Food and Growing**'. We will be focusing on seed growth and the life cycle of plants as well as animal habitats and food chains.

In **DT** and **Art** we'll be making vehicles and sewing hand puppets.

If you wish to help you child at home please keep up with regularly hearing them read all kinds of books and asking questions to check understanding. It's also helpful to ask some quick fire mental maths questions in addition to the set homework.

I've attached a copy of the updated assessment framework at the end of KS1 for writing including a list of the common exception words for year 1 and year 2 which the children should be able to read and spell. If you want to know anything else or have any problems please do let me know. You can make an appointment at the office or pop in to see me at the end of the day if appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Browne and the Year 2 Team.

