

Dear Families,

6th January 2022

Happy New Year!

It is lovely to welcome you back to school as we look forward to a very busy term ahead.

Mrs Hulls and Mrs Ballinger will be working together to teach Year 2. Mrs Ballinger will be teaching Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Hulls will be teaching Year 2 on Mondays. Communication will still be via Dojo and both Mrs Ballinger and Mrs Hulls will have access to the Class Story and messaging service.

Attached to this letter is the topic web for this term. It gives you a quick over view of what we will be learning. Further details and suggestions for exploring topics at home will be shared alongside homework each week.

Routines and key information:

- PE will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please wear PE kit to school on these days.
- We will continue with the 'Special day' arrangements. Parents, please can you help your child to prepare what they will say about their special day item. (This is a great opportunity to develop confidence when speaking to a group).
- Homework will continue to be set on Friday to be handed in the following Thursday. It will be set on Dojo and will consist of a short spelling activity and TTRS time.
- Reading books will be collected in on Tuesdays and will be changed and returned the same day. At this time, Mrs Ballinger will make a record of your child's home reading and the number of books read towards the Rainbow reading challenge. Please write the title, date, page numbers read and your signature in the reading record when you hear your child read. You can write a comment if you wish.
- Please ensure your child has the right clothing for the weather conditions as we will have windows open to ventilate our classroom and we hope to be outside where possible.
- Water bottles and reading books/ records should be in school daily. Please only send water for drinking in the classroom. No squash or juice.
- Children with prescription glasses must bring their glasses to school every day as these make such a difference to children in a busy classroom.
- Please notify the office if your child is unwell or absent from school.

Mrs Hulls and I are happy to be contacted with any questions, concerns or information. If your child has had a difficult morning, not slept well or is struggling with something, please just send a short note on Dojo so we can keep a close eye on them and help them to feel settled and listened to in school.

We look forward to working with you during the term ahead,

Kind Regards,

Mrs Ballinger and Mrs Hulls.