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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

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Dear Parents/Carers,

MAIN LEARNING THEME – *Pioneers and Innovative individuals*

The main focus for the learning during next term will be:

- Designing a time machine
- The moon landing
- Space travel
- Astronauts
- Victorian times including seaside holidays, railways and chocolate factories.

ENGLISH

The children are taught English through either Literacy and Language or Read, Write Inc phonics. The Literacy and Language unit next term focuses on playscripts and a suggested reading list can be found below:

Aesop's Fables

The Lying carpet – David Lucas

The Huge Bag of Worries – Virginia Ironside

Angry Arthur – Hiawyn Oram and Satoshi Kitamura

Something Else – Kathryn Cave and Chris Ridell

The children also experience guided reading sessions to explore the understanding of texts, as well as handwriting sessions that begin to focus on joining letters.

READING

Each week, your child will be given 1 reading book which they can share with you at home. This will be changed weekly, and we would suggest bringing books in every day. Year 2 also have the opportunity to visit the library on these days, and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. They will bring home 2 library books, and these will also be changed on a similar day.

MATHS

Next term, the children will be focussing on the following:

- Calculating
- Shape
- Measurements
- Number and Number Patterns

Your child will continue to access Assertive Mentoring for Maths on a weekly basis, which is a programme that runs across the whole school. This will mean that your child will be in a small group to explore the skills needed to problem solve, calculate and use numbers quickly and easily.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning in year 2 will consist of a weekly piece of both English and Maths skills. These will be given to the children on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Wednesday.

The children are also invited to complete a half termly home learning project, however this is not compulsory. The theme is *Pioneers*. You will receive a Pow Project sheet in the first week of term with details of ideas for your child's projects. It is suggested that the children can choose project ideas that total 5 Pow points.



PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week, outdoor PE is weather dependent at this time of year. We ask that the children bring in their complete kit (including plimsolls/trainers) on a Monday, and leave this at school until Friday. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (**by the child**) or covered with a plaster (**which must be supplied from home**).

Your child will require the following PE kit (**Clearly named**):

- Plain White T-Shirt
- Black/Grey Shorts
- Tracksuit for outdoor PE
- Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers

LUNCHTIMES

To remind you that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. These are provided by a contracted company, M & B Caterers, and our children have a choice of a hot meal or 'Funky Five'. We hope that you are happy with the lunches children are receiving and if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve this provision please do let the school office know.

Year 2 Team

