

Dear Class 2 Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new year; we hope everyone had a lovely Summer break.

This term the school topic is 'Explorers/Rule Britannia!'. In Class 2 we will be focusing on the explorers Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will be learning all about exploration, now and in the past. Through Science we will be investigating materials, their properties and uses to choose which materials would be suitable for an explorer vessel and their clothing.

In Geography we will be learning all about the oceans and continents and take a closer look at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. We will also be learning how to use directional language and the points of a compass.

In literacy both year groups will be learning how to write letters using 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and writing recounts about a journey with 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett.

Year 2 will be learning all about 'numbers to 100', 'addition and subtraction' and 'picture graphs' leading up to half term whilst Year 1 will be consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 10 and will also work on addition and subtraction using these numbers.

During art lessons we will be learning how to draw and sketch and compose 'still life' pictures and learn about the artist Georg Flegel.

In RE we will be examining big questions such as; who am I and what does it mean to belong. We will also be looking at the importance of Christmas to Christians.

In PSHCE both year groups will be learning about health and well being. This will explore topics such as dental health, how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and how to keep physically and emotionally safe.

### **Reading books**

**Once new reading books are handed out please ensure that they are brought in daily and put in the trays in the classroom. Reading books will now be changed each Monday or Tuesday by Mr Lightowler (YR2) and Mrs Laverack (YR1).**

If there is anything you want to know or you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

Mr Lightowler, Mrs Laverack and Mrs Yeadon