



Happy New Year hope you all had a lovely
Christmas break!



Welcome back to the start of Y2 spring term with Miss Redfearn and Mrs Brusby, we hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and a Happy New Year! We are very excited to get into our new topics and hope you are too.

New term - New topic!

This term we will be focussing on using our geography skills to discover more about different places around the world. We will be using our map skills to learn about continents, oceans and seas. Our outcome this term will be a Trip Advisor page where we will compare and contrast the places from around the world that we have looked at with Barnsley. We will also be linking this to our science learning around animals and adaptations, including food chains and habitats. We will be producing a non-chronological report based on the animals we have looked at.

Maths and Literacy

As I'm sure you are aware we had a mission at the beginning of the week after Christmas...to help our secret visitor! We currently have a new member of the class joining us, his name is Paddington Bear, and he is helping us to write some wonderful setting descriptions and stories.

In maths we are recapping the four operations and using these to help us with our problem solving skills. We will also be moving onto other areas of maths such as shape and space, data handling, and money and measures.

Homework

Children will bring home a homework book when a new project has been set. This will continue to contain all the key information you need for your learning at home. The focus this term will be one project linked to our geography topic, spellings to practice weekly that will be tested in class and a SATs homework pack for you to work through at your leisure. Once you have seen the homework tasks there is no expectation to hand the orange homework book in every week.

Reading

We will continue to encourage children to hand in their books and reading logs once they have finished reading them so that they can be changed weekly/daily. Reads will be counted up on a regular basis and children will receive prizes as more reads are logged.

Home Learning

There are a number of resources you can use to engage with your child's learning at home. We will be recording achievements in learning on both the blog and twitter and it would be great to see some comments from parents! We have also still got the same log ons for TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. An addition this term will be the parent seesaw App that you can now use to see what your child has been recording in the classroom.

General Reminders...

- PE will usually be on Wednesday/Thursday however this may change so it is important that every pupil has a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). It is easier for them to bring it on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school.
- Children need to wait in the playground in the morning when the bell goes. Staff will be outside for a short time to answer any questions should you have any.
- Dates for any important dates will be sent out via letter and updated on our blog.