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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your children have had a wonderful Summer holiday and are looking forward to the forthcoming new school year. The children have made a fantastic start in Year 2 and have settled into their new classrooms and new routines very well. This letter will provide you with an overview of the subjects and topics we will be covering in class over the next term and some information regarding PE.

English

During the Autumn term we will cover work linked to many different genres and will build upon the skills in reading and writing from Year 1. During this first term we will cover units such as building sentences correctly, character descriptions, setting descriptions, performance poetry, writing instructions, retelling fairy stories, and writing letters. In addition to our English lessons there will also be discreet phonics/spelling and handwriting sessions which are taught daily plus comprehension and other reading activities taught throughout the week. We also intend to read class novels to the class on a regular basis enabling them to listen to stories and to encourage them to read themselves for pleasure. Our first class novel will be George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing heavily on securing important basic number facts. We will practise using place value to learn more about how numbers are made up, as well as lots of addition and subtraction work, before ending the half term with some shape work. Counting in groups of 2, 3, 5 and 10, number bonds to 10 and 20 and doubles and halves are constantly referred back to, so please make sure that your child is confident in these areas in order to boost their confidence in class. The second half-term will see us continue to develop our understanding of place value and to be able to use this knowledge to add and subtract using 2-digit numbers, we will further develop our understanding of multiplication and division and use our knowledge of number to solve problems. There is a great free App that children can use at home called **1 Minute Maths**. You can read more about this on the White Rose Maths website. You will be able to find a link for this in the Maths section of our Year 2 class pages along with other online resources that you might find useful. In addition to our maths lessons, the children will take part in a mastery in maths session each day which will give them further opportunities to develop key skills and to reason and problem solve.

Science

Our first Science topic will focus on animals and humans and our second unit for this term will be materials.

Topics

We will begin by considering the question, 'Why were Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus very brave?'



This topic will link to History and we will be finding out what an explorer is and what kind of person you need to be to be an explorer. We will be learning about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and their similarities and differences. We will link Art and DT to our topics as well as completing separate units of Art and DT work. Our topic for the second half of the term will be 'Why can't a meerkat live in the North Pole?' In this Geography topic we will be learning about different continents, the equator, different climates and identifying different places and oceans on a map of the world.

PE

PE will take place twice weekly. Children are to come to school in full PE kit on their PE days (please see separate PE kit letter). Please continue to support them to be as independent as possible when dressing at home. Your child will also need a named water bottle in school each day.

PE days for Mrs Snape's class are **Tuesday and Friday**.

PE days for Miss Cassinelli's class are **Monday and Friday**.

Other subjects

Each child will have discrete computing lessons during the week and ICT will be linked to the curriculum when appropriate. The children will also continue to learn Spanish this term. We will also continue to follow our RE scheme this term and the themes for Year 2 will be 'Stories about Jesus' and 'What makes places sacred?'

Homework and additional information

Homework will be sent home every Friday and will consist of spellings on Spelling Shed (to learn for a check on Friday), sentence building in homework writing books and a reading book to be shared and discussed at home. Children can keep their school reading book at home until it has been read in full to an adult. It can then be returned to school so that it can be swapped. Please make a comment in your child's reading book when they read to you at home. Homework needs to be completed by the following Thursday at the latest please.

Children in Year 2 do not need to bring their own pencil case to school as we have all the equipment in class that they will need. We would be very grateful if children could avoid bringing items into school from home (such as toys) as this can cause distractions during learning time. However, we are more than happy for children to share any special achievements such as awards or special news.

We hope the above information is useful but please don't hesitate to speak to us if there is anything you are unsure of. We are usually available before school from 8am or you can usually see us at the classroom door before school and at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Snape and Miss Cassinelli
Maple and Juniper Classes – Year 2