



**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Welcome back! I hope everyone had a very happy Easter.**

**Our learning**

**This half term our focus will be on nocturnal animals. Please see the reverse of this letter for more detail about what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.**

**Homework**

**Homework is sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday each week. Children earn a smiley face for Golden Time for completing and returning their homework on time and it will help them to earn 5 points in behaviour and work for their House Point Team, as well as helping them with their learning. Late or incomplete homework will result in consequences such as missing playtime and Golden Time and scoring 0 points for their House Point Team. Please help your child to earn the rewards as homework is also an important part of your child's learning.**

**Spellings**

**Spellings to learn will be sent home on a Monday and children will be tested the following Monday. Please help your child to learn their spellings by encouraging them to use the 'look, cover, write, check' method and/or by looking at any spelling patterns in the set of words. A smiley face for Golden Time is awarded to children who score 8, 9 or 10 out of 10. Sadly, children who score below 5 will miss a playtime to learn their spellings as it is really important that they know them.**

**Reading**

**Reading should be a little every day whenever possible. Children are rewarded with a smiley face for Golden Time for reading at least once in a week. We are also awarding a special bookmark prize to children in Celebration Assembly every week for their efforts in reading. Please help your child to earn these rewards by reading lots at home... it will really benefit your child's learning. Please remind your child to bring their book bag every day – a smiley face is also awarded for this 😊**

**PE**

**Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week, including suitable pumps or trainers, to ensure that your child does not miss out on this important part of the curriculum. Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms, should also be in your child's kit. PE days change, so please bring your kit on Monday and don't take it home until Friday. We are very lucky to have our Sports coach again this half term so please make sure your child's kit is in school so that they can take part. Please ensure all clothing is named.**

**Uniform**

**Thank you to everyone who sends their child(ren) to school wearing the correct uniform. House points awarded to children take into account your child's uniform so please keep it up! Please put your child's name in all of their clothing. We can easily reunite a child with their jumper if it has their name in it.**

**Water bottles**

**Thank you for your continued support regarding children's water bottles. The water bottles school have purchased for every child is ensuring that all children are hydrated all day – great for improving their concentration, memory and attention.**

**Trips**

**We have decided NOT to go ahead with the visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park this half term. Children have already had lots of enriching experiences this school year e.g. visits to places of worship, visit to the Thackray Medical Museum and the upcoming visit to the seaside in July. Class 2W is getting smaller and so the cost would have had to be increased. I am hoping that a nocturnal animal may come and visit us instead!**

**Dates for your diary**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – bank holiday – school closed**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – reports to parents/carers**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – last day of school for children**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – staff training days – school closed.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.**

**Yours sincerely,**

**Miss H. Watson**

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