



Tuesday 8th January

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Our learning

As you will already be aware, last half-term our learning focused around penguins and Antarctica. Following on from this theme, our learning this half-term will focus around the remaining six continents and we will focus on one country every week from each continent. Please see the reverse of this letter for more detail about what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas. We will also be performing some songs about saving the planet, which we'd love you to come and watch during Class 2W's sharing assembly (see dates for your diary).

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 playtimes and scoring 0 points for their House Point Team. Please help your child to earn the rewards.

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. A golden ticket will also be awarded to children every time they read at home. A golden ticket will be drawn during Golden Time and a prize awarded to its owner. More tickets = more chance of winning! 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 a Sports coach this 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 or children to school wearing the correct uniform. House points awarded to children take into account your child's uniform so please keep it up! Please, please, please put your child's name in all of their clothing. We are much more likely to reunite a child with a missing jumper if it has their name in it.

Water bottles

Thank you for your 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

As part of a History topic, we'd like to visit Thackray Medical Museum in March. The cost will be £5 per child.

As part of an animal topic, with a focus on nocturnal animals to prepare Year 2 children for their SATS, we hope to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in May. The cost of this visit will be approximately £6 per child.

We are very lucky to have the use of free mini buses, enabling us to keep costs down. Contributions towards the trip are voluntary but if we do not receive payment from every child, unfortunately we will not be able to carry out the visits. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th February Class 2W Sharing assembly

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Watson.