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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Happy New Year! My name is Mrs. Peel and I am a trainee teacher who will be teaching Class 2 this half-term. This will be my final placement and I am really looking forward to the opportunity to teach your children. Miss Watson will still be on hand however, so if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to either of us.

Our learning

This half term our topic will have two main themes – Florence Nightingale and China. 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, alternating between Literacy and Maths, 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 their green sticker for work each week. Children who earn enough green stickers throughout the half-term get a certificate and a prize at the beginning of the next half-term. Please help your child to earn the rewards, as homework is also an important part of your child's learning.

Reading

Reading should be a little every day if possible. Children are rewarded with a smiley face for Golden Time for reading at least once in a week – please make sure you've written about it in their Reading Diary. A green sticker for work is only awarded to children who read at home **and** complete homework every week. We are also awarding a bookmark prize to children in Celebration Assembly for their efforts in reading. Please help your child earn these rewards by reading lots at home... it really benefits your child's learning. Please remember book bags every day – a smiley face is also awarded for this. Books in book bags will be changed every **Friday** this half-term (unless your child hasn't finished with them – please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

Poetry Journals

Poetry Journals are sent home every Monday. Please remember to read the Poem of the Week with your child and remember to return it every Monday for a new poem. Please remember that sharing the poem plays a vital role in developing a love of words and a rich bank of language in your child's memory, influencing your child's reading and writing development, as well as earning them an extra smiley face for Golden Time.

Spellings

Spellings to learn are sent home to children 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 is awarded to children who score 8, 9 or 10 out of 10.

PE

PE will be with our coach on a Monday afternoon this half term. Please make sure your child has their PE kit, including pumps or trainers. Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should also be in your child's kit. Please ensure all clothing is named. Year 2s will also have PE on a Tuesday afternoon this half-term.

Forest Schools

Year 3s will be going to the forest on a Tuesday afternoon this half term. Please remember to return your permission slip if you haven't already, and bring suitable clothing.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who sends their child(ren) to school wearing the correct uniform, which helps to earn those house points! Please name all of your child's clothing.

Water bottles

Please remember that your child should always have a water bottle in school, and that it should only contain water.

Trips

Our class trip this half-term is to Thackray Medical Museum on Thursday 29 January. Please remember to return the permission slip that was sent home before the Christmas holiday, with payment, by Monday 26th January at the latest.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Epiphany service at church 9.15am
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Open morning – join in with our class work
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Class trip to Thackray Medical Museum (see separate letter – please return consent form and money by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January)
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – E-safety day
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Valentine's Service and Child of Achievement - LAST DAY
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Return to school

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Watson if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely, Mrs K Peel