



Tuesday 26th February

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half term break.

Our learning

We have another busy half term planned with a fortnight of learning about Florence Nightingale followed by a Cultural Diversity fortnight. The final week of the half-term will consolidate our learning about Florence Nightingale as we visit Thackray Medical Museum. We will also have an Easter theme as we approach the Easter holidays. 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.

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

Trips

We are planning to visit Thackray Medical Museum on Tuesday 26th March. Please ensure that your permission slip and payment is with the office by Monday 18th March at the latest. Goody bags are optional but available at a cost of £3 per child. Although parental contributions to school visits are optional, the visit cannot go ahead without payment for every child.

We are also hoping to visit the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday 30th April at a cost of £10 per child.

Dates for your diary

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| Tuesday 7 th March | World Book Day – children may dress as a character from a book |
| Thursday 7 th March | Mother's Day assembly at 9am |
| Monday 11 th March | Cultural Diversity fortnight begins. Nurture group trips to places of worship. |
| Wednesday 20 th March | Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st March | Parent's Evening 5-8pm |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Trip to Thackray Medical Museum (subject to all payments being received) |
| Thursday 28 th March | Last day of term |

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Watson

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