**Literacy/Topic**

This term our topic is called ‘We Arrrgh Pirates!’

This is a fun and exciting unit which I think our children shall truly enjoy! In our English lessons we’ll be describing pirate characters, writing reports all about pirates and even devising some buccaneer treasure hunts! In topic lessons we’ll be designing treasure maps, looking at grid references and some of the world’s oceans.

**Maths**

In Maths this term we shall be recapping the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication), calculating sums using money, examining how we can portray statistical data, and identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

**Science**

We shall continue with our previous unit ‘Using Everyday Materials’, during which we’ll sort, classify and examine the uses of different materials around us.

 **R.E.**

Our topic is ‘What is the Good News Jesus brings?’ and we’ll be focusing on the Gospel and what it means to Christians.

**Coats**

We’ve noticed a number of Year 2 children arriving at school without a coat. Please do ensure your children have a coat and can wrap up warm – we don’t want them to get too cold playing outside.

**Spellings**

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and a spelling test will be completed the following Friday. Please do encourage your child to practise these!

**PE**

As before, P.E. will be taught on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please ensure full PE kit is in school at all times – we have very few spares, especially pairs of plimsoles!

**Homework**

Once again, thank you to all of you who encouraged/supported your children with completing their homework tasks. Doing extra work at home really boosts children’s learning and helps them to further explore the topics they are learning about at school.

I’ll be handing out this term’s homework grid shortly, books will be due on the last week of this half term (week beginning 11th Feb.)

**Reading**

Reading books will be changed several times per week.

Every day the children will have opportunities to read both during morning registration and during our afternoon ‘DEAR time’ (drop everything and read time). Many of our children have become well accustomed to our ‘Accelerated Reading’ program where they complete quizzes that test their comprehension of the books they have read. Others will continue using our colour coded books and shall read in guided groups.

I will try my hardest to make sure I hear your children read once a week.

Please do read with your child at home as often as possible, it makes such a difference and really boosts their love of books! Also I would encourage you to ask your children questions about the book they have read in order to boost their understanding of it. It is better that a child takes slightly longer to read a text and fully grasps its contents, than that child speeding through a text without having understood it.

**Welcome Back Year 2 Parents!**

A very Happy Near Year to you all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas with your friends and families! Here’s some information for you regarding the topics your child will be studying this term.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns please feel free to come and talk to me after school.

Best wishes,

Miss Chatters