



Autumn Term Full Steam Ahead!

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to Class 2! We are so excited about this new school year, getting to know all the children and their talents and working alongside you as parents to ensure a successful and enjoyable year. We have already learnt lots about your summer holidays this week so hope that you feel well rested and enjoyed a good break.

You will have been sent along with this letter the class topic overview in order to give you an outline of the curriculum learning opportunities for this term.

Home Learning:

The children have brought home new PACT reading books this week. We are trying to reassess the children after the summer break so if the book seems too challenging or not challenging enough, don't worry as we will be adjusting their book level as soon as possible. We can't stress enough how important it is to read every day with your child and encourage lots of questions and discussion about what they have read. We will change books to begin with on a Monday and Thursday but children will be allowed to change books during their guided reading session if necessary. Each week the children will continue to bring home spellings and these will be tested on a Friday with new spellings being sent home on a Monday. Nippy numbers will follow shortly as well as a new login for Mathletics. This is an online maths games resource with a wide range of interactive activities to support maths skills, multiplication tables and number facts.

Topic:

Our topic 'Full Steam Ahead' will look specifically at the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his influence on our local town and engineering. We are in the process of organising our first trip with Ridgeway Farm where we will hopefully be visiting the SS Great Britain in Bristol to learn more about Brunel's designs and accomplishments. We will research and find out about trains, bridge building and the railway village of Swindon. If you wanted to support your child in their learning you could visit the Outlet Village, the STEAM museum or take part in the Swindon Railway Village walk around town to get an understanding of what living in Brunel's time would have been like: <http://www.steam-museum.org.uk/learning/Pages/Planning-Your-Visit.aspx>

PE:

PE sessions will take place on a Monday afternoon with Superstars and Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Walker but these times may vary depending on the topic work we are doing. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day, especially their trainers which are required for the daily Golden Mile.

Value of the Term- Thankfulness:

- T**hinking of good things
- H**appy memories
- A**ll creation praising God
- N**ot taking anything for granted
- K**eeping focused on the positive
- F**eeling blessed
- U**nderstanding the sacrifices people make for us
- L**iving joyfully
- N**ot complaining
- E**xpressing gratitude to God
- S**aying thank you to those who help us
- S**howing gratefulness by our deeds.

Our Thankfulness Class Assembly:

This will take place in the school hall at **2.30pm on Thursday 18th October**. Please join us if you can, it would be lovely to see you there ☺

Curriculum Meeting:

We will be holding our curriculum meeting on **Thursday 13th September at 3:10pm** in the Year 2 classroom for further information. Slides of the PowerPoint presentation will be available for anyone who is unable to attend.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support for us, and for your child's learning.

Mrs dos Santos, Mrs Walker, Miss Cuthbert and Mrs Darragh
The Class 2 Team.