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Year 2 Term 5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter. The children have been sharing their stories of fun, and are very excited about the topic ahead.

NEW TOPIC;

We started this term with a WOW day, which explored some clues to think about all the areas we may uncover as we learn about a journey '**Across the Sea**'. We will be covering the oceans and continents while looking at creatures below and travellers above the sea. Please take a look at the map attached which gives further information.

Theme day:

Year 1 and 2 will be celebrating this exciting topic with a very special day in school. Nearer the end of term 6 we will ensure a sunny day is forecast and have an amazing day of fun with seaside themed games, activities and more. Although this cannot replace a trip to the beach, we have a fantastic day of fun planned and will not have to spend any time on a coach!

PE:

With our May Day celebrations coming round quickly, we will be learning a dance to show you and one for you to participate in! We will therefore need a PE kit with a plain white T-shirt and black shorts as usual, but also will need outdoor running shoes until the end of term six, as we then move onto athletics. Please update kit and ensure it is in school Monday to Friday so that they are accessible throughout the week.

During the inset-training teachers worked at Bartholomew to learn more about 'Real PE'. This will continue the great PE we already enjoy here, but has a greater emphasis on skills. The pack is bursting with games, which will soon be shared in school and your children may be teaching some of these with you at home.

Reading Reminders:

We continue to thank you for all of your home support with reading. As the new homework format is rolled out, we would like to stress our reading system of 4 slots a week for a sticker continues, with your child's existing reading record. There will be no change to the KS1 reading expectations/recording. As always, we make every effort to change your child's book weekly and will do our utmost to continue and improve that this term. Thank you for your patience with this.



Year 2 priorities:

As you will be aware, year 2 are required to take a national reading and maths paper in May. Writing is taken from their work achieved over the year. The SATs papers contribute to teacher assessment and although the results are collated and shared as data, we would like to emphasise that it is a **layer of evidence** in your child's assessment. As in previous years, the children have taken part in these tests just as all the other assessments they complete over the year. We would like to remind parents that these are formal assessments, yet your child will only be asked to do their very best and show what they can do. Most children actually enjoy the booklets they get to work in!! If you have any further questions, please come and ask.

Contributions:

Many, many thanks to all who have made weekly or a 'lump sum' donation to our class pot. The suggested weekly donation of 50p a week enables us to purchase all the items that do not come from the curriculum budget. This adds to the daily and termly enrichment we strive to provide and can be given to your child's teacher..

If you have any questions about anything covered in this letter please see a member of our team.

Yours sincerely

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