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## Year 2 – Purple Class Newsletter – Spring 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring Term! The children have settled back into their routines brilliantly and are already making a great start to this term's learning. We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning we have to look forward to.

### **Curriculum focus**

This term our Geography focus will be on map reading skills looking at maps of our local area as well as using atlases to continue our focus on countries, continents and oceans around the world. In History, we will be looking at famous explorers and comparing journeys and explorations from different time periods. Our PE dance unit will link into our explorers topic. Our science this term will be very hands-on as we identify and compare the suitability of different everyday materials, for particular uses. We will also explore how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

The **Medium-Term Overview** provides further information about everything we will be doing this term and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

### **Reading**

All reading books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays so please ensure that they are in book bags. Before moving them to the next level, we will check that they have 95% fluency on their current level which means they should be able to read the book easily. This builds reading confidence and we provide them more of a challenge in our weekly whole class guided reading sessions. In these sessions we focus on decoding texts as well as looking at a range of stories and extracts for comprehension. The children will also have the opportunity to change their library books on Wednesdays. Ideally we would like the children to be reading daily at home, either with an adult or older sibling.

### **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays. For the first half of term this will focus on Year 2 common exception words. These are words where the usual spelling rule does not apply and they just need to be learnt. We will send 5 words home on paper each week to practise along with their homework books. Children can either complete the sheet or do the practice activities directly into their homework books. However, we would like the sentences to be written into their homework books remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Homework books should be returned to the tray in class by the following Thursday.

### **PE Kits**

We will continue to have PE on Mondays and Fridays. However, PE kits should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. A pair of socks would be useful too if your child regularly wears tights to school. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile (for year 2, two laps) on the school's running track.

### **Communication**

The best time to catch us for a quick conversation is at the end of the day, but of course we know that sometimes you will need to pass on an urgent message in the morning. Should you have any concerns you wish to discuss in more detail we can schedule a time to talk so that we have the time needed to address these properly. Please do come to us (or send an email via the office) with any concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

Mrs Giffen, Miss Begum and Mrs Litenstone

**The Year 2 Team**