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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a lovely half term break. Your children have all settled in well to year 2 and are now familiar with the routines and expectations, we are all very proud of them!

Our theme for this half term is 'A Mixed Up Fairytale'. In History, we will be commemorating the First and Second World Wars and learning about life in those days as well as the impact it has had on our lives today. Our Christmas celebrations this year will be a little different to how they have been in previous years but they will nonetheless be exciting and fun.

Learning to Learn evening

We hope you will be able to view our Learning to Learn video which will be uploaded onto Tapestry on Wednesday 25th November. All the resources used will also be uploaded onto Tapestry. If you need any further support helping your child learn at home please do not hesitate to email or phone the school office and your child's class teacher will contact you as soon as possible.

Celebration of Learning

A home-school relationship is very important to help children learn and although in normal circumstances we would love for you to come into school to see firsthand your child's learning. Unfortunately this will not be possible this year however, each child will have the opportunity to select a piece of their learning that they are most proud of and this will be scanned and uploaded onto Tapestry by their class teacher for you to admire and be proud of too. This will take place on Tuesday 24th November.

Carols at Christmas

Usually in Year 2 the children perform carols at church however, this year this will not be possible under the current government guidance for schools. Further details about arrangements for Christmas will follow shortly.

Home Learning

We have enjoyed seeing all the fantastic home learning the children have been completing and sharing on Tapestry. Please find the new takeaway home learning menu which has been uploaded onto Tapestry for this half term. Please continue to take advantage of Bug Club eBooks and all the fun maths activities on Education City.

Reading

Please remember to upload a comment onto Tapestry to keep us informed of the reading you are doing at home. We will also write when we listen to them read in guided reading or individually. We recommend that you try to hear your child read every day and remind them to change their book every week.

We are very fortunate to have access to eBooks on Bug Club which many of your children are reading regularly. As you are probably aware Bug Club books also have interactive comprehension questions which develops their understanding of the texts. As a parent you can also register for free with Oxford Owl who have a wide range of FREE eBooks suitable for children of all ages. Their web address is:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Phonics

Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2020 means that it is statutory for schools to administer the phonics screening check to year 2 children during the second half of the 2020 autumn term. Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in phonics in the autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 children who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021. The results of the phonics screening will be uploaded onto Tapestry on Monday 14th December.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school throughout the winter months, both for playtimes, and to enable us to learn outside if appropriate.

Please make sure that your child has a **named** PE kit (including jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers) in school every day as PE days can sometimes change.

Please remember that children should only wear small, plain hair accessories in blue, white, grey or black and long hair should be tied back. If children wear earrings, they should be small studs which they can remove themselves for PE. If they can't remove them then they should be able to tape them up themselves.

Water bottles

It is important that your child has a water bottle with them every day. Water bottles will continue to be sent home DAILY so that they can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. This really helps to combat the spread of germs in school and eases congestion at the water fountains in the mornings.

Birthdays – a reminder

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them which we do in class and as part of our Teams celebration assembly. Your child is invited to donate a book to the classroom library to share with their friends.

We are looking forward to a great half term of learning in Year 2. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

Year 2 Team

