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Dear All,

Happy New Year!

I hope you have had a good break and are ready for another exciting term.

This term, the children's History and Geography will be based on Explorers. They will be learning about a number of significant explorers from the past and the places they have explored, particularly the polar regions.

Please see the Learning Organisers under the Curriculum tab on the School's website for further details.

Towards the end of the term, the children will be having an Explorers' Day where they will be able to come dressed up as an explorer. More information will be given towards the end of the term about this day.

If you have any expertise/items/ideas linked to what we are learning, then please come and see me. It will be lovely to incorporate extra ideas and experiences whenever possible.

#### PE

Similar to KS2 children, Year 2 will come into school wearing their PE kit and keeping it on all day on their PE days. Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday** for this first half term.

Earrings should be removed for PE, however if this is not possible, children will have surgical tape over their ears for PE lessons.

Please see below the list of clothing for PE kit.

#### PE Kit

Inside –

Green school PE shirt. Logo school uniform is optional.

Navy or black shorts

Black or white plimsolls

PE socks

Outside -

Same as indoor PE kit

Trainers for outside PE

In cold weather tracksuit trousers and plain jumper, sweatshirt or school fleece should be worn over indoor PE kit if your child feels the cold.

Can I also remind people about school shoes. Children should be wearing black school shoes. If it is raining, children could wear their wellies to school and then change into their school shoes before coming into class.

#### Home learning

It is really important for school and home to work together and we strongly believe that your child will benefit from continuing their learning at home. There are several ways you can help your child which includes the following:

- **Reading** All children are expected to read 5 times every week. Reading journals are checked and there is a lot of useful information about reading and possible questions to ask within these journals.  
After listening to your child read, please record the title of the book, pages read and any comments you would like to make on your child's reading. Many children will start Year 2 continuing to read books which phonetically matches the level they are at. These books will need to be read aloud more than once before it is changed. Some of this reading will be to the Year 2 Team.

- Home Talk School Write A Home Talk School Write will happen once per half-term. This is a super opportunity for you to support your child's writing and share in their learning. If you are ever unsure about this task, please do not hesitate to come and ask. Once the writing has been completed in school, an unmarked copy will be sent home for your child to share with you.
- Numbots The children's passwords have been stuck on to their reading journals. If children have the opportunity to make use of this site at home, it will help contribute to them recalling their key number facts.

Just a reminder if you would like to chat any time then I am usually available at the beginning of the day (8:30-8:45) or at the end of the school day. You can also make contact using the school office email address.

We really look forward to working with you and your children this term.

Kind regards

Miss Gale