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Dear All,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a good break and are ready for the term ahead.

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.

<u> PE</u>

Year 2 will come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Earrings should be removed for PE, however if this is not possible, children will have surgical tape over their ears for PE lessons.

Please can the children wear a plain green jumper or the school fleece. No hoodies please.

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:

- <u>Reading</u> All children are expected to read 5 times every week.
 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. If your child is reading a level 1 4 book, they need to be reading each page 3 times to aid fluency. When they move on to level 5 and beyond, they will need to read the book through twice before it is changed.
- <u>Home Talk School Write</u> 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.
- <u>Maths</u> The children were introduced to Numbots in Year 1 and should continue working their way through the program.

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