

# "Learning is a journey, to be taken together, one step at a time"







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# Spring Newsletter - Year 2

#### Dates for your Diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> January Spring Term Begins
- 6<sup>th</sup> February Parents Evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> February Teams Parents Evening

17<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term

- 27<sup>th</sup> February Half term begins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day

- 17<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Egg Hunt
- 6<sup>th</sup> April Last day of half term

We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Below are a few reminders for the New Year. Please can reading books be brought in each day, along with a named water bottle and a healthy snack. Please be reminded that no nut products are allowed in school due to allergies.

The Dolphins will continue to have their PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday and the Zebras on Monday and Wednesday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of the half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

# Home Learning

We will continue to upload home learning each week, consisting of Maths and Phonics learning from the week.

The children's phonics logs will also be sent home each week with the phonics codes we have been learning that week. Please encourage your child to engage with these activities as it will consolidate their learning from the week and has a positive impact on the children's learning.

# **Outdoor Learning**

We have thoroughly enjoyed our outdoor learning in the Autumn term and we hope to continue our learning in our Forest School area in Spring.

Please be reminded that all children need to bring in their outdoor learning shoes that are suitable to use in our Forest School area each Thursday to change into in the afternoon. These shoes need to be different to the shoes they are wearing to school to stop mud from

# Parents Evening

Parents evening will take place this half term and more details will follow.

# New Zealand (Spring 1 focus)

During this topic we will be focusing on the culture of New Zealand, including famous dances and landmarks. This includes learning the Haka, researching the location of New



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Zealand and creating art work based on the famous Kiwi bird.

#### Isle of Man (Spring 2 focus)

After February half term, we will be exploring the Isle of Man. We will be learning about the important places on the Isle of Man, the Manx language and Manx Culture. This includes discovering Manx myths and learning some Manx words. We will also be creating art inspired by Manx Celtic designs.

#### Home-school communication

Reminders will be posted on Dojo (whole class and individual messages if needed). Please ensure you check Dojo regularly. If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more indepth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all.

Letters will continue to be emailed, therefore please make sure school has an up-to-date email address.

#### If you have any questions please just ask. Miss Corkill and Miss Cannell