



January 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of a new term! We hope you all had a restful Christmas break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous cards and gifts. Please see the attached topic map for details of curriculum subjects covered in the Spring Term.

Reading

It's really important that children read regularly at home. Therefore, please encourage your child to read a range of texts both independently & shared – at least 4 times a week is ideal, as they will really benefit from this. Although, it doesn't mean that a book has to be finished in one go! It is vital to discuss what the children have read and to question them about the content, characters, setting, illustrations etc., as these are really key in the development of comprehension skills. **Reading books & reading records should be in school every day, even if the children haven't read their current book.**

BUG CLUB Please encourage your children to read at least one book a week. The built in comprehension provides valuable practise for the children.



Reading Passports

Thank you for your support with the reading passports last term. Please encourage your child to continue with these important reading tasks and to work towards their silver certificate. If your child didn't receive a bronze certificate last term they can work towards this for this term.

Home Learning

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings as this really supports the spelling work we do in school. Please also complete and return the written Maths tasks as these mostly link to the learning that has taken place during the week. Most weeks, there will be an Active Learn game to support the learning too.

PLEASE check **myUSO** every **Wednesday** for updates about home learning and other relevant information.

P.E.

This term tends to be the coldest, so please ensure your child has a green tracksuit to wear for outdoor P.E. sessions. **The children still need shorts for their indoor sessions.** If possible, please provide trainers for our outdoor sessions on Wednesdays. Girls will need socks in their P.E. bags. Mr Day will continue to teach outdoor PE in Year 2 for the Spring Term.



CAN WE PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL ITEMS OF THE CHILDREN'S UNIFORM NEED TO BE LABELLED!

In order to encourage your child to be independent, we did ask that the children learn to tie their ties by Christmas. Thank you to those parents who have helped their children – the ties may not look perfect, but the children feel a real sense of satisfaction through being able to tie them independently.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Slack, Mrs. Ringham & Mrs. Stevenson