



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome back to Class 2! We hope you had a brilliant Christmas and New Year (it feels a bit strange saying that now).

The purpose of this letter is to outline some of the key topics that we will be learning about over the next academic term, as well as answering any questions that you may have had about the day to day school life but not had chance to talk to me about.

Lastly, I just wanted to say thank you for all of your help over the first term. Here's to a fantastic year for the children!

Kindest regards,

Mr Dente

### Highlighted learning

#### **Topic - Exploring our wonderful world!**

In topic, Class 2 will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and East Ayton. Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world.

#### **English**

In this topic the children will learn all about Explorers. We will use the film 'Up' to introduce the themes of adventure and exploration. They will then plan, write and edit their own adventure stories, explore persuasive writing to find an adventurer, writing instructions from non-fiction texts and writing about events of real-life adventurers.

## Reading

During Guided Reading, Topic and English lessons this half term, the children will focus on using books based on the main term theme: Exploring our Wonderful World. This will include looking at non-fiction information books, such as biographies of famous explorers, maps and atlases, as well as fiction books and stories of adventure

Maths - Spring Term	
<b>Calculations:</b> multiplication and division (2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times table) <b>Statistics:</b> Picture graphs/ data	<b>Fractions:</b> halves, quarters, thirds <b>Word problems:</b> Solve problems involving multiplication and division and addition and subtraction

## Homework

This term's homework is to create a model globe. I have attached a rough step-by-step guide for you to follow, if you need some inspiration. There is no right or wrong way to do it, just a way for your child to get creative, get excited about our next topic and help decorate our classroom for the term. All I ask that if you do follow the instructions provided, that you attach a piece of string to the 3D globe so we are able to hang it up in class. Thanks!

## Home reading

Your child will have the chance to change their book once a week, if necessary (normally on a Thursday). I will listen to the children read, one-to-one, once a week, during Guided Reading lessons. The children will also read their home reading books with a teaching assistant.

Thank you so much for continually writing notes in their reading records - please can I ask that you continue to read with your child daily and record notes in their books this term.

## Spellings

Spellings will be given out weekly on a Monday, followed by a spelling test the following Wednesday. It would be great if you could spend some time practising the spellings with your child at home.

## Pick-ups

If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child or they are going with another parent, please could you either let me know on a morning or give the office a call to confirm.

**PE** - This term PE is on Tuesday and Thursday







# Make a Papier Mâché Globe!

Follow the instructions to make a fantastic papier mâché globe with the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

## Supplies

- a round balloon
- prepare lots of strips of newspaper about 2cm wide
- bowl of water and flour mixture (one cup of flour and two cups of water)
- atlas
- Continents of the world sheet
- blue paint and paintbrush
- felt Tip Pens
- scissors
- glue



<p>1.</p> 	<p>2.</p> 	<p>3.</p> 
<p>Blow up the balloon. Ask an adult to help you tie the balloon.</p>	<p>Dip the strips of newspaper in the papier mâché mix and wrap the strips all around the balloon until it is covered. Cover the balloon at least 3-4 times. Leave the balloon to dry overnight in a warm place.</p>	<p>Once dry, you can paint the globe blue to show the water/oceans. Leave to dry.</p>
<p>4.</p> 	<p>5.</p> 	<p>6.</p> 
<p>Use the Continents of the World sheet to cut out the continents and colour them in.</p>	<p>Glue the continents in the correct position on the globe. You may use an atlas to help you!</p>	<p>You could label the oceans and carefully draw the line of the equator.</p>

