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YEAR TWO NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 1

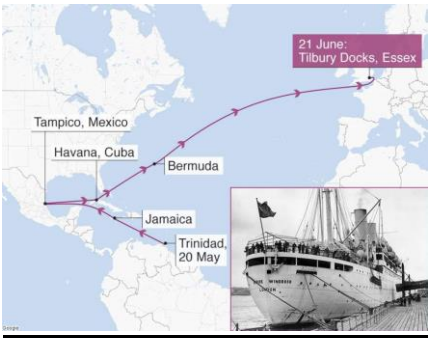
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Two!

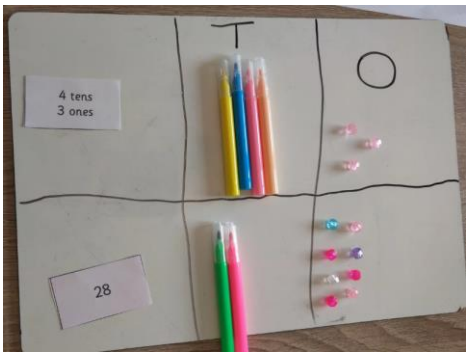
This half term our topic will be **'Inspirational People'** and we are all very excited about all the new things we are going to learn. Included with this letter is a topic web so you can see what we are covering this half term in all subjects.

Home Learning

Project: Each half term, the children will be encouraged to complete a topic based project. This homework gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when working on their project. This term the project will be to create either a 3D model of the Windrush Ship or create an annotated map to show the journey of the Windrush Ship. We look forward to seeing all the incredible projects and would like them to be completed and in school during the week beginning 19th October.



Maths Homework: Your child will bring a Maths Homework Book and a selection of activities that will last until we break up for Christmas. These activities are designed to be completed at home with a family member who can support your child with mathematics and have fun doing the activity too. **One activity should be completed each week**. Please stick the chosen activity on one page and complete the activity on the page next to it. This allows the children plenty of room to show their understanding. There is also a section for parents and children to write what they thought of the activity and I look forward to reading the comments! Please could all children bring their Maths Homework Book to school on **Wednesdays** so that we can see the maths that they are completing at home.



Spelling: Your child will bring a list of words home every Monday. Please support your child to learn how to spell the words. I will assess the children the following Monday on their ability to spell the words. The words are taken from the KS1 curriculum and it is a requirement that children should be able to spell them all by the end of Y2.

Reading: Please hear your child read **every day** and record this on the form pasted inside the back of the Reading Journal. This is really important as reading every day with your child will support their progress in all areas of the curriculum. All children will have two guided reading lessons each week and be provided with two books following their reading lesson with Mrs. David-Jekyll. One book will be a levelled reading book and the other will be a book chosen by your child from the book corner. Your child should respond to both books in their Reading Journal. There is a letter inside the Reading Journal with suggestions of tasks that can be completed when responding to reading and it would be great if your child could complete one of these activities after reading each book. The letter also indicates when your child's guided reading lesson with Mrs. David-Jekyll is and it is expected that both books will have been read at home and responded to in the Reading Journal in time for this lesson each week. If your child reads and responds to both books before their next guided reading lesson with Mrs. David-Jekyll, your child can change their books.

P.E. (Physical Education)

P.E will take place every Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school. All items should be labelled with your child's name.

Wednesday Mornings

On Wednesday mornings I will have my PPA and Jessica Edwards will teach Year Two P.E., R.E. (Religious Education), and Music.

Water Bottles

Please could you send your child to school every day with a refillable water bottle with your child's name on it. The bottle should be filled with water at home. If required, the children will be able to refill their bottles from the drinking water tap in the playground at playtime or lunchtime. Water bottles will be sent home at the end of each school day so that they can be cleaned before the next day.

Contact

If you need to talk, we are available during morning drop off or afternoon pick up. If you need a longer chat, then we can find a mutually convenient time.

If you do need to contact us during teaching hours, please contact the school office and they will pass on a message.

We really look forward to working with you all this year, it is going to be fantastic!

Best Wishes,

The Year Two Team