# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 1

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to school! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. I am really enjoying teaching the class and am very excited about all the fantastic things I will be able to teach them this year. I have some wonderful activities planned based around this term's topic 'Windrush'. Please see the attached curriculum wheel for information about what the children will be learning this term. I (Alice David-Jekyll) will be teaching the class. Working alongside me in the classroom will be Kristina Mark-Thompson. Ms Curran will be covering the class every Wednesday afternoon.

#### **Reading**

In Year 2 I will listen to all the children read each week as part of a guided reading lesson. The children will also have the opportunity to read 1:1 with an adult regularly. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis and record this in their Reading Journals. This will make a huge impact on their progress in all curriculum areas. When your child needs a new reading book

they should place their book bags in the box for Miss. Mark-Thompson to collect and change. If you are able to come in to listen to children read during the school week please come and let us know as we always appreciate the extra help.

### <u>P.E</u>

P.E will take place every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school at all times as sometimes other activities will require them to wear their kit.

#### Home Learning

Each half term, the children are 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 ship HMS Empire Windrush or create an annotated map to show the journey HMS Empire Windrush took. I look forward to seeing all the incredible projects and would like them to be completed and in school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Maths Scrap Books

Your child will bring a Family Maths Scrapbook home and this should be completed as a family at home with the child. Please could all children bring their Maths Scrap Books to school on Wednesdays so that I can see the maths that they are completing at home.







#### School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Jumpers should be either purchased from the school office or plain grey with no hoods. Shoes should be dark and smart. Earrings should be small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss.

#### Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning

The parent morning meeting will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 at 9.15** in the Infant hall. This gives you the opportunity to see the classroom and ask any questions. Afterwards, there will be a chance to have a cup of tea or coffee with the Senior Leadership team. If you are unable to attend at this time and you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me and a suitable appointment can be made. Throughout the year you are very welcome to arrange a meeting in person or over the phone.

#### Dates for your Diary

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest assembly Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening

Kind regards, Alice David-Jekyll and Kristina Mark-Thompson

