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**Year Two Newsletter
Spring Term 2019**

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to say a big thank you for all the kind gifts and cards we received for Christmas.

This letter outlines what the children will be learning throughout the coming term.

English: This term we will be covering a range of genres, focusing on non-fiction and narrative. We will start the term exploring Fairy Tale stories, followed by explanation and non-fiction texts.

Maths: We will continue to build in the children's conceptual understanding of addition and subtraction and introduce multiplication and division.

Science: We will be learning about living things and their habitats. After the half term the children will begin learning about plants.

Computing: During the first half of this term we will be learning how to complete effective searching. The second half term will be spent teaching the children presentation skills.

PE: The children will continue to have PE with Mr Baker on Thursday and Friday of each week. The children do go outside for PE every week - **please ensure that your child has blue tracksuit bottoms and a top to wear as the weather will be getting colder. Trainers need to be kept in school in case we have to change our PE day or have additional sessions.**

Music: I Wanna Play In A Band is a rock song written especially for children. In this song children learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic rock songs. During the second half term we will be looking at a unit called Zootime.

History: Our humanities topic this term is 'Sea and Space'. Within this topic, the children will learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will be focusing our studies on Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus, comparing aspects of life in different time periods.

Homework: We will continue using our homework grid (Reminder: Homework is due on **Fridays**) and on top of that we expect children to read everyday. As children are beginning to read longer/chapter books we do not expect them to read a whole book, a chapter or a few pages is absolutely fine. Spelling lists have been given out and are tested on Fridays. Test results will be communicated back to you via spelling books. The lists are also available on the school website <http://stjohns4.herts.sch.uk>

We also recommend that you spend some time learning the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication table on a weekly basis. Once they are secure in this area please move them onto the 2, 5 and 10 division facts. This will be tested on a Wednesday.

We will also continue with our preparation for the National Tests in May with practice papers and regular writing assessments. The tests are taken anytime during May at the school's discretion and we will be using a large part of this window to ensure we provide the best opportunity for pupils to succeed. For this reason, please avoid taking term-time holidays during this period.

We hope you find this information useful. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to come and discuss them with us by contacting the office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you once again for your co-operation and support. We look forward to seeing you all during the term.

Kind regards

Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Curtis

Year 2 Class Team