



Dear Parents/Carers,

11th January 2022

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to everyone.

Our topic for this term will be **Around the World**; a geography-based study to help the children name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. Over the coming weeks the children will learn about a specific country on each of the seven continents and have fun exploring the different human and physical features of these areas. To enhance their learning experience and encourage rich language and communication skills, the children will be able to play in a 'travel agents' set up in the role play area where they will be able to browse the brochures, make passports and use the globe, whilst they continue to learn about the different countries, continents and oceans. They will also have access to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books related to the topic, including maps and atlases.

If you have visited any interesting countries on your travels and would be willing to share your experiences – or any photographs/artefacts - with the class, please do let me know either in person or via email.

There will be an overview of the Class 2 planning on the school website covering all core and foundation subjects. As ever, reading is a key focus for children in Class 2 as the children continue their phonics journey in Year 1 and move on to becoming independent readers in Year 2. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible and share books with them. This habit is one that will have a lifelong positive impact on your child and will help them in their educational journey. Mrs McNeil and I will continue to listen to readers throughout the week and change reading books regularly.

Homework for Class 2 will be given out each Monday to be returned by Friday. Returned homework will be rewarded with 2 team points! Homework will consist of handwriting for Year 1 and a short reading comprehension for Year 2; this may change to suit the individual needs of each child.

Finally, PE sessions continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Carlisle United will come in on Wednesday afternoons to teach Class 1 and 2 children various games skills. On these days your child should come into school wearing expected PE clothing (plain t-shirt in their school team colour or a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or joggers, a school sweatshirt, and a pair of trainers). Although the weather can be unpredictable in January and February we do still aim to get outside as much as possible and, as will all other school uniform. PE kits must be clearly named.

I hope this information is of use to you. I will be available to meet parents at the school gates at drop off and pick up times or you can contact me to discuss any matters via email or by phoning the school office to arrange a suitable time. As always, please contact school with any concerns or information about your child you feel school needs to be aware of.

Yours sincerely

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