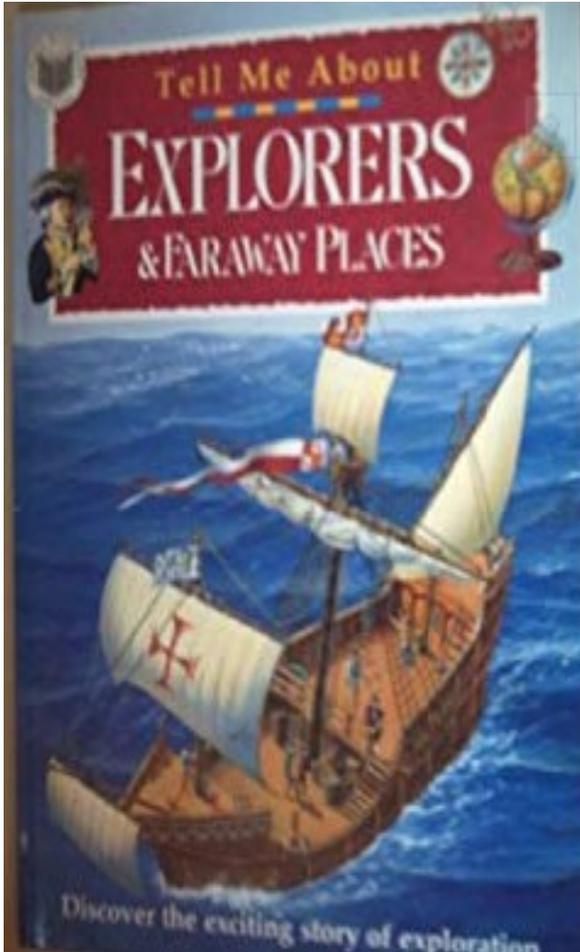


# Welcome back to Year 2!

We hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for the next part of your child's learning journey! As part of our continuing whole school theme of 'Buried Treasure' we have lots of interesting lessons planned for Year 2 in the second half of our Autumn term.



This half term we are focussing on the theme of '**Explorers**' using the non-fiction text 'Explorers & Faraway Places'. We will continue to explore maps and consider: Why did people explore? What were they looking for? Who are considered to be the greatest explorers? What methods of transport did they use? Which technology helped them?

In English we will be focusing on developing non-fiction writing based on our 2 key texts. As well as continuing to improve vocabulary for example: being able to identify nouns, verbs and adjectives in a sentence and using a widening range of conjunctions and punctuation. The children will also be studying how the presentation of non-fiction text differs to story writing for example: diaries, instructions, biographies and information texts. They will also have many opportunities to extend and progress their reading skills. These will include guided reading sessions, opportunities to read in every English lesson and one to one reading sessions each week.



In Maths we will continue to embed the place value of two digit numbers, using mathematical symbols and knowing number bonds to 20. Also we will continue to apply addition and subtraction skills when learning about the measurement of money. Later on in the half term we will begin to apply using times tables when we focus on multiplication and division problems, so it would be fantastic if you can continue to support your child counting in steps of 2,3,5 and 10. Reasoning too is an ongoing focus which helps children to make links and patterns when tackling both number and word problems.

In ICT we will be learning how to use copy and paste images and then edit them for example by cropping, resizing, moving, rotating and adding text boxes to describe them. As part of the curriculum laptops and iPads will be used in other lessons to develop research and presentation skills.



### Improving spelling at Godley

Children will be given a list of Term 1B spelling words that Year 2 will be learning to spell. The weekly focus on a spelling could be for a sound, letter pattern or rule - the Government's statutory words will be written in red and these 5 words will be the main focus of the spelling homework each week. I will give the children the words to practise a week in advance and test them on the following Friday. Learning the common exception words from term 1A are ongoing so the more these can be embedded and revisited the better!

PE will take place every Monday and Friday. The children need to have a full PE kit in school which should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather will be getting colder children can bring a plain black/grey tracksuit into school for outdoor PE. No jewellery is allowed unless ears have just been pierced.

Full school uniform should be worn every day including black school shoes. **All items need to be labelled.** Plain stud earrings can be worn, however they need to be removed for PE. No nail varnish is to be worn. A water bottle with your child's name also needs to come into school and be taken home each day for washing.

### **Diary Info:**

**Christmas Fair**

**INSET 30/11/18**

**KS1 Christmas Show**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

**KS1 Party**

**Dates to follow**

### Independent Home Learning

Homework will be sent out each week on Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday and will include a project based task, spellings and a quick skills burst task for Grammar and Maths. Reading and times tables (2,3,5 and 10) should also be practised regularly with your child as they are important in all elements of your child's learning.

Parents are welcome in the class room at any time so feel free to call in before or after school.

Kind Regards,

Miss Whitehead, Miss Renshaw and Mrs Constantine