



9th January 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term. Last term, Year 2 amazed me with their hard work and enthusiasm for learning. We explored our local area, made fantastic progress in our learning, tackled addition and subtraction in maths, and put on a brilliant Christmas play. This term, we have exciting changes ahead as we dive into new topics and challenges. I'm looking forward to seeing Year 2's continued effort and positive attitudes to learning this term.

#### The Curriculum

Our Topic in Spring 1 is Poles Apart. Please see the Topic Web for more details of our curriculum this term.

#### P.E. days and Library days

P.E. days are Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor). Please encourage your child to take responsibility for bringing their PE kit to school on those days, including bringing extra warmer clothes for the outdoor PE, which will continue whatever the weather. Children should have coats in school every day as break / lunch times will be outside unless the rain is heavy. This is especially important as the weather is getting colder. Library books can be renewed and exchanged at lunch times as soon as they are finished; in addition, we have our Year 2 library time on Wednesday afternoons.

#### Homework and Reading

Homework will be set on Thursday, to be completed by the following Thursday. Homework will consist of Doodle Maths assignments and regular practice (3 times a week minimum); daily reading (with an adult); and "topic" homework set each term

#### Punctuality and Attendance

The school gate opens at 8.40am and all children should arrive as promptly as possible. Early work will be set, and register taken at 8.50am. Thank you for a very good start of the year in terms of punctuality. Please continue to support children in developing an organised morning routine which allows them to arrive at school in time.

#### Diary Dates

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Midyear Reports out</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 2 Trip to Pitt Rivers for topic related workshop</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Skipping Workshop</b> <b>SASA Film Night</b>
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6th	<b>Art Workshop with Lizzie Rowe and Young Art Oxford pieces creation</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Book Look</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Last day of Half Term</b>

Finally, please ensure that the office have up to date contact information for you and other key adults in case of accident or illness during school hours. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/concerns. I am available most days after school for a quick chat (with the exception of Wednesdays as I have a staff meeting), or you can call the office and schedule a longer meeting if necessary.

Kind regards,

Miss Cagney, Mrs Marsden, Mrs Martins, Mr Jarvis, Ms Magill and Mrs Bentley