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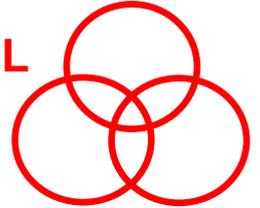
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Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a fun and safe Christmas holiday and are ready for a new term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your kind and very generous Christmas gifts, they were very much appreciated.

This term we will be starting a new topic called '**Castles, Knights and Princesses**'. All the work we do this term will be based around this topic. We will be learning about the history behind castles, looking at the Battle of Hastings, different types of castles, the people who lived inside them and what castles were like inside. In previous years we would be planning a visit to Warwick Castle, but this is obviously not going to happen during the pandemic so hopefully we could do this at a later date.

English: We will be continuing to work on handwriting, grammar, punctuation (including full stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks and commas in lists), adding description into our work, writing in paragraphs, and connecting and opening sentences in a variety of ways.

Maths: We will be covering addition, subtraction, number bonds, time, measure, money, odd and even numbers, multiplication, division, shape, fractions and problems solving. We are going to revisit Year 1 objectives before attempting the Year 2 ones.

Reading: Please make sure the children have their book bags in school daily to take full advantage of opportunities to read individually. We can't have any of our regular reading volunteers in school at the moment, so reading at home is even more important. As you are aware your child will have much longer books to read now so it is not essential to read the whole book on the night they get them, but please do try to get your child to read to you daily for just 10-15 minutes as this will continue to help with their fluency and understanding. When you read with your child please write in their reading record, I know this can be time consuming but even an initial would be helpful to know that your child has read to you at home. If your child forgets to change their book feel free to email to ask me to remind them.

PE: It is essential that the children have the correct PE kit in school. Their PE kits can be kept in the cloakroom for the term and will be taken home at the end of each term. This ensures the children do not forget to bring their kit to school. We have PE lessons on Tuesday this term, however this may change, or extra sessions may be added so this is another reason why they should be kept in school. The PE kit needed for school is as follows: 1 red polo





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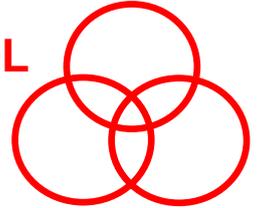
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shirt, 1 navy pair of shorts or tracksuit trousers, 1 pair of trainers for outdoor PE, 1 pair of plimsolls for indoor PE.

Homework: Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and expected in on Wednesday for marking.

Spellings: Spellings will continue to be given out on a Tuesday, and there will be a spelling test on a Monday. We will work on the new spelling pattern and spellings given at school, but please practise them at home too.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's education. Please do come and speak to us at the school gate if you have anything else you wish to discuss or email on class2@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Boodell

