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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you will have an enjoyable break with your children, they really deserve it after all their hard work. Next term in Year 2 our topic will remain as 'How are you?' and we will focus on the human body, plants and animals and what they need to survive. We will continue to learn about healthy foods and a head chef from a local restaurant will pay us a visit and will make healthy and delicious pizzas with the children. We will also learn what do to in an emergency and learn basic first aid skills with a visit from a trained paramedic. Plymouth Warriors will continue to visit us weekly and teach us new football skills. If you have any links or contacts with sport coaches or chefs, please could you let your child's class teacher know.

We are excited to announce that the author of 'My Incredible Adventures in Looe', Emily Thuysbaert, and the main character of the story, Mia the Siberian husky, will be paying Year 2 a visit to share the story with the children. There will be signed copies of the book available to pre-order before Emily's visit. Information and details of the cost of the book, should you wish to buy a copy, is on the order form attached to this letter.



In English we will be reading a book called 'Killer Cat' by Anne Fine as well as the story 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters' by John Steptoe. We will be writing our own narrative stories, concentrating on making our ideas link and writing coherently. Any extra practise at sentence writing with adjectives as well as story writing over the half-term break would be greatly appreciated! We will continue to practise handwriting daily, using the cursive style so that children develop speed and confidence with their writing, making sure capital letters and lowercase letters are of the correct size. Your child's class teacher will happily reward any handwriting practise and short stories on your child's return to school! Maths will focus on the children's ability to apply their skills to solve problems with time, fractions and money. Any additional practise to learn British coins, telling the time to the hour and identifying fractions of a shape will be greatly appreciated. Also, any extra times table practise for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables would be fantastic please. We will also challenge the children to be able to learn division facts too.

Homework expectations continue to include reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. Homework books should be handed in on a Thursday so that new spelling sheets and homework can be added and your child's spelling test score can be reported. Please look out for any key messages or reminders on the weekly homework activity sheet that is handed out on a Friday. Over the half-term break, your child will have some extra comprehension activities to complete please. To support their comprehension skills further, it would be fantastic if, when reading with your child, you ask them questions about the story. These questions will support your child to succeed in their upcoming SATs assessments. There will be more information about these assessments at the end of the term.

We may take the opportunity to go outside for PE so please could you ensure your child has appropriate footwear as well as a pair of tracksuit bottoms to put over their PE shorts to keep warm. Please be mindful that your child will lose break-time if their kit is not in school on PE days, which is a Tuesday for 2RL and 2SB.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Little, Miss Burring and the Year 2 Team

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