



# Ernesettle Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you will enjoy the half-term break with your children. Next term in Year 2 we will continue to learn about famous people through history, from the Plymouth area, the UK and around the world. We will also be holding a 'Famous People Awards Party'. The children can come dressed as a famous person from the past and share what they have learnt. This will allow all their History learning to be showcased and there may even be a surprise visitor!

To support our learning this term, we will be going on a trip to Morwellham Quay. Children will be able to develop and increase their knowledge of the past and we will have an excellent opportunity to investigate significant people from the past and the history of our local area. We are fortunate enough to be able to give the children this educational visit at no cost to yourselves.

Homework expectations remain as reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. It is very important these minimum expectations are being completed please. 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. Homework books will be returned to you on Friday. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents/carers who continue to support their child's learning at home, it really helps them to make even better progress.

English will continue to focus on developing children's narrative writing through the funny book 'The Man on the Moon', written and illustrated by Simon Bartram. Children will then write a non-fiction report about Florence Nightingale and Neil Armstrong. We will practise handwriting daily, using the cursive style so that children develop speed and confidence with their writing. In Maths, children will focus on developing their understanding of written methods and being able to apply this knowledge to 2-step word problems. We will also begin to explore strategies to support us when multiplying and dividing numbers by 2, 3, 5, and 10. Again any practise with these times tables will be greatly appreciated. Children will then tackle statistics by drawing and answering questions about pictograms, block diagrams and simple tables.

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday for both 2SB and 2RL. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and a water bottle in school on this day. As part of the school policy, if your child does not have their PE kit in school on this day they will unfortunately miss their break time until it is brought in. In PE this term, the children will continue to develop a broad range of skills through learning to play tennis and rounders. In addition, this term children will begin swimming lessons at Saltash Leisure Centre. Lessons will take place on:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

We will leave school at 12:45pm and return at approximately 3.00pm so home-time will not be affected. Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume and a towel on each swimming day. Children are able to enjoy these important swimming and water safety lessons at no cost to yourselves.

Please do remember that children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal each day. There are four options available each day including a hot meal, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with filling or a sandwich.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half-term break!

Mrs Little, Miss Burring and the Year 2 Team

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