

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all managed to have a lovely summer despite the less than seasonal weather! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school: I was very much looking forward to seeing them all, finding out what they have been up to and to getting to know them better. This year we welcome Kim Haywood to Year 2, she will be the class teaching assistant and is full of enthusiasm- I am sure that the children will love working with her. I will be teaching the class every day apart from Tuesdays which will be my assistant headteacher release time or my PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time; therefore, on Tuesdays the class will be covered alternately by Mrs Tamblyn and Miss Malein (our school SENCO)

This term our theme is **'From Land's End to John O'Groats'**. We will travel on our 'bus' to different locations around the UK where we will learn about significant events in history and about some geographical features of that place. Throughout our learning we will consider our key question' ***What does it mean to be British?*** It's a great theme and I am sure that the children will enjoy it as well as learning a lot about the United Kingdom. Please take a moment to look over the curriculum poster to give you an idea about what else we will be learning.

Routines

- The classroom is open from 08.45 a.m. and children are registered at 9.00 a.m. Children will be engaged in learning tasks as soon as they arrive. Please try and arrive promptly each day to make the most of this learning opportunity.
- P.E days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that PE kit is in school on these days.
- Reading books: we will change books once a week and send home enough books for a week's worth of reading. In Year 2 we encourage children to self-select their books from a range in their book-band level. We change books on Thursdays but it is helpful if children bring their books to school with them every day so that we can read with the children when possible. Please try to read a little every night; the children will make much more progress with their reading this way rather than completing their reading books in one go.
- Homework and spellings- this will also come home on a Friday and is due on the following Wednesday. I will also be sending home children's logins for Mathletics and Spelling Shed. Both are great resources to support your child's learning and allow me to monitor your child's progress as they work. The 1st set of reading books and homework will come home at the end of next week.

- Please ensure that your child brings a named water-bottle containing water only with them every day.
- Please **label** all jumpers, coats, book bags, trainers etc. We can't help to locate missing items unless they are named.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead. I will regularly update our class page on the school website with what the children have been up to. A number of children do not have permission for their photograph to appear on the school website, If you would like to change this then please let myself and the school office know.

Finally, here are some events and dates for your diary:

- To enhance our learning and to beginning of journey from 'Land's End to John O'Groats, we will be travelling to Cornwall by visiting **Mt Edgumbe on Wednesday 4th October**- more details will follow shortly.
- We have a visit to the RNLI station booked for **Friday 6th October**
- Our class assembly is on **Wednesday 13th December at 9.10 am** in the school hall.

Finally, please feel free to ask at the door or to contact me by email s.boyle@staps.org.uk if you have any questions.

With very best wishes,

Miss Field and Miss Haywood