

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely holiday and are refreshed and ready to embrace 2026!

Our cross curricular theme this term is 'To the Edge of The World', as detailed on the curriculum poster overleaf. The key question we will be considering throughout the term is *'What does it mean to have courage?'* We will learn about the lives of historically significant people in different time periods – Christopher Columbus, Ernest Shackleton, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison. We will consider their contribution and legacy and think about how they showed courage. We will also explore Christopher Columbus more deeply and consider the impact of exploration on the Native American people.

Our student teacher, Miss Mazloom, will remain with us until the end of January when we will send her off ready to start her career in teaching. Mrs Line will continue to teach the class every Tuesday.

As you know, Year 2 is an important year in your child's education as it marks the end of their time in Key Stage 1. Please continue to support your child as much as possible at home. Daily reading, and regular practise of spellings and number-facts benefit all children. Also, please try to use Mathletics and Spelling Shed at home; the children are very motivated in earning their Mathletics certificates which are generated when a student reaches 1000 points in a week!

Here are a few reminders about our everyday routines in Year 2:

- The classroom is open from 08.35 a.m. and children are registered at 8.45a.m. Children have a learning activity as soon as they arrive, followed by our phonics lesson. Please try and arrive promptly each day to make the most of this learning opportunity.
- We change reading books every Thursday but books should be brought in every day as we will try to hear children read whenever we have a spare few minutes (we also hear children read during class reading sessions). When you hear your child read, please ask questions and talk about the text with them, then sign their record book. Please ensure that you sign when you have read a book. Any parental comments in reading records are also welcomed.
- Finally, please can we remind you to label all jumpers, coats, book bags etc. We can't help to locate missing items unless they are named.

Please don't hesitate to come and chat to me if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Field, Miss Haywood and Mrs Freeman