

### Term 3 in Year 2

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and many thanks again for our wonderful cards and presents.

This term we are very fortunate to welcome Miss Byrne; a student teacher from UWE. As part of Miss Byrne's course at University, she is required to record a short, 1 minute, clip of herself in the classroom. It will be recorded on a school ipad and will not include any of the children's faces. This video will only be shared with Miss Byrne's university tutor and will be deleted afterwards. If you would rather your child was not in this video or you have any questions, please speak to Miss Marriott or Miss Byrne.

This term we will be learning all about the sinking of the Titanic. The children will learn about life on board the Titanic, the causes of the tragedy and the lessons we have learnt that affect our lives today. We will also read the accounts of survivors and use maps to follow the Titanic's journey.

In English we will be writing reports about animals that call the Arctic Circle their home. We will use the book *Leaf* as a writing stimulus to help us understand the effects of climate change on polar habitats. This will link with our learning in science, where the children will be learning about how animals are suited to their habitat, as well as dependency and food chains.

<b>Writing</b>	Reports, diaries, persuasive posters
<b>Reading</b>	Vocabulary, fluency, retrieval, inference
<b>Maths</b>	Multiplication and division, statistics, measuring length and height
<b>Science</b>	Living things and their habitats
<b>History</b>	A history event beyond living memory (the sinking of The Titanic)
<b>Computing</b>	Data handling and picture retrieval
<b>Jigsaw (PSHE)</b>	Dreams and goals
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics, hockey
<b>RE</b>	Creation – who made the world?
<b>Music</b>	Tempo

#### Reading

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. Please continue to listen to your child read at home **at least 4 times a week**. Please remember to write in your child's reading record to indicate when they have read to you. **This can be books from school or from home.**

Books will continue to be changed on a **Thursday**.

We are extremely lucky to have many volunteers who listen to the children read. We ask that reading books and reading records are brought into school each day so they are able to read to an adult.

#### Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday. This will consist of spellings to learn and times tables practise on Times Tables Rock Stars. The children will be tested on their spellings on the following Friday. Every Friday we will also award dojo points to those children who have practised their times tables during the past week.

#### PE

Our PE sessions this term will be on Wednesdays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor), however we ask that kits remain in school all week. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school, which should consist of a t-shirt, sports shorts, trainers and socks. We encourage the children to bring in warmer sports clothing, such as tracksuit bottoms, hoodies etc.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continuing support,

The Year 2 team