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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another brilliant term in Year Two, with Christmas Productions, a visit from Sir Francis Drake, supporting local charities and lots of festive fun! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your loved ones and that you stay safe during the festive period.

Throughout Term Two, we learned about ‘Significant Explorers’ in History, explored everyday materials in Science and studied Anthony Gormley in Art. Next term, Year Two will begin their Desert vs Dartmoor study with a focus on Geography. This area of study provides children the opportunity to build on their understanding of physical geography and knowledge they learnt from Term One. The children will gain insight into the key features of different landscapes and what the similarities and differences are between them. They will also further develop their geographical vocabulary by using terminology such as: ‘vegetation, season, weather and coast’.

In **Geography**, we’ll be learning to:

- Understand human and physical features of a small area of the United Kingdom.
- Explore both Dartmoor and the Sahara Desert before comparing them.
- Describe features studied.



In **English**, the children’s writing will be based on the genres of instructional Writing and forming a Diary Entry, where they will build on their understanding through a series of core texts. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children will be studying: ‘The Conquerors’ by David McKee, ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’ by Drew Daywalt and ‘Wild’ by Kira Hughes. Then in **Maths**, the children will be revisiting and building upon their knowledge of Multiplicative Reasoning, Statistics as well as Length and Height. Finally, in **Science**, the children will be exploring plants and what they need in order to grow.





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## Learning at Home

In Year Two, the homework expectations include reading at least five times a week and practicing weekly set of spellings and times tables using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. Home Learning Books must be in school every day please and will be marked each Thursday.

Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

PE next term will continue to be on a Wednesday for 2AW, 2MG and 2HH. Lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,  
Mr. A Williams, Miss. O Hole, Miss. M Gibson and the Year Two Team

