

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term. We welcome Dylan and his family to Class 2. Our new topic is 'People who changed the world – Amazing women'. We will read and write stories about characters changing the world and learn about three women who changed the world through their actions, Ada Lovelace, Emily Davison and Rosa Parks.

### **SATs**

There will be assessments (SATs) this term. Two reading tests and two maths tests will take place during the last three weeks of this term. These are carried out as part of our normal school day within the normal classroom environment, so the children do not need to worry about them, and I do not refer to them as 'tests' in front of the children. These tests form a part of my overall assessment for the year, with class work throughout the year providing most of the evidence.

How you can help:

- Please talk each day with your child about the book he or she is reading, trying to ask questions about why events happened, why characters made particular choices or why the author has chosen a certain word, such as 'screamed' instead of 'said' or 'strolled' instead of 'went'. Also, please discuss the meaning of any tricky vocabulary and ask your child if they can use their understanding of the text to work out the possible meaning. Can your child tell you five key events from the story in the correct order?
- Do some quick practice of times table facts (2s, 5s and 10s) or number bonds for 10 or 20 (pairs of numbers totalling 10 or 20).
- Practise telling the time for o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.
- Please do not tell your child that they will be doing tests. There is no need for you, or your child, to worry about these assessments.

### **Key Dates**

We have a cricket training session from the All Stars Cricket Roadshow on the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If your child has any cricket clothing, he or she can wear it to school that day.

During Term 6, we invite you to our class assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Timetable**

P.E. lessons continue to take place on **Friday** afternoons so your child will need to come to school wearing a **school jumper**, P.E. kit and trainers on those days. As part of the afternoon lesson takes place outdoors, children should have suitable clothes for the weather. If your child wears trainers with laces, he or she should be able to tie the laces independently.

For Terms 5 and 6, we will also be having tennis training on **Tuesday** afternoon so your child will also need to come to school in P.E. kit on Tuesdays.



## **Homework**

We have homework every week, given out on a Friday and to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spelling words are sent home in Spelling books on a Monday and these are tested the following Monday. Your child should still be reading at home every day if possible and at least 5 times a week. We are doing well in the whole school Reading Challenge and we would dearly love to be the leading class at the end of the year. Reading books are still changed every other day, so that one day is spent getting to know the book and the next day is for your child to show how well they understand the book by answering questions about it.

Please continue to send your child to school with a named water bottle every day. If the sun does make an appearance, it would be helpful to send a cap to be worn on the field at lunchtime.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in for a chat.

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