



Welcome back, Year 2!

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

We hope that you had a fantastic Easter break and are ready to get stuck into the rest of Year 2! As ever, we will continue to make the curriculum as creative and as fun as possible, enabling the children to succeed in their personal targets and enjoy the term ahead.

This final term of year 2 is extremely important. In May, we will be administering the National Curriculum Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments (SATs or 'Special work!'). As we said in our previous letter, these are nothing to worry about: we work very hard at Coleham to make sure the children are not unduly pressured or feel anxious about these assessments. They merely form **part** of our overall judgements. The children will see the tests as part of their normal assessment routines. We will shortly be sending out parental guidance for these assessments.

Our cross-curricular topic this term will be 'By the Seaside' and 'The World Cup'. These topics mainly focus on geography, where we will be locating, comparing and investigating different coastal towns and countries competing in the World Cup. We will also be making use of links to history, focusing on seaside holidays in the past, and how seaside towns have changed. The seaside topic has lots of exciting opportunities for art and D&T, and we will be investigating coastal habitats in science. Hopefully, we will also try to fit in an exciting trip to the seaside! The children have played a large role in planning the topic this term; their ideas have formed the basis of what we will be learning.

We will continue working hard to collect evidence in writing and maths to inform our teacher judgements at the end of the year. With this in mind, please remember it is vitally important that your child is heard to read regularly, and practises his/her spellings and x-tables facts a few times a week.

Here are a few quick reminders of what your child needs to bring to school:

- **PE KITS:**
 - OUTDOOR PE: **Tuesday** mornings.
 - INDOOR PE: **Friday** afternoons.
- **READING DIARIES:** should come in every day, especially on Friday.
- **FOREST SCHOOLS: 2Y will be doing forest schools every Wednesday until half-term. Please bring the proper kit (waterproofs, warm scruffy clothes, welly boots) on Wednesdays. We are going to try and leave bulky kit in the cloakrooms this time. Again, it would be better for the children to arrive at school in their scruffy clothes rather than uniform. 2X will resume Forest Schools after half-term.**



Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions whatsoever about anything (to do with school!).

Thanks for your support and help,

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