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Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term in Year 2!

Our Science topic this half term is on Plants and what they need to stay healthy. There will be a note in the homework books asking for any houseplants you are able to lend us for closer study. We will also be using our school grounds as much as possible for this topic as we have a good variety of different plants around the school.

We have already started using the school grounds for our Geography topic on the Weather and how it affects us. Each week we will be taking measurements to include the temperature, rainfall and cloud cover and recording them in topic books.

In the second half of the term we will be studying the explorers Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. Our Science will move back to animals, this time looking at Habitats.

Homework will some weeks be set in books and some weeks on Education City. The Education City homework is designed to be revisited, so that the children can practise and hone their skills. Homework is generally set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday. There is no deadline for Education City homework. If anyone is still having trouble accessing Education City you are welcome to come into school on a Monday and use a school laptop in the Year 2 classroom. Please ask at the office about this.

We will also begin to practice for the SATs tests this term (the tests are in May). Please ask me if you have any questions or concerns about SATs.

With many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Tucker
Year 2 Class Teacher

YEAR GROUP:

Two

TERM: Spring 2017

SCIENCE

Plants Habitats

Including finding out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other.

ICT

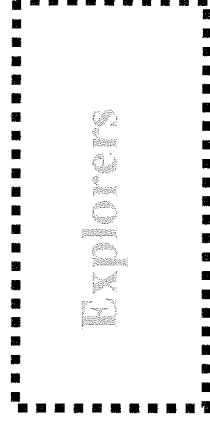
Education City: Computing: writing simple programmes.

HISTORY

**Explorers:
Comparing the Missions of
Christopher Columbus and Neil
Armstrong.**

NUMERACY

**Number and Place Value;
Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication
and Division;
Fractions and Decimals;
Measurement;
Geometry, Shapes and Position;
Statistics, Ratio, Proportion, Algebra**



PE

**Specialist sessions weekly with
Sports Coach.**

LITERACY

Narrative (second half term); Creative writing on the theme of Explorers.
Non-Fiction (second half term): Writing about real people: Christopher Columbus & Neil Armstrong.
Narrative (first half term): Animal Themes, including stories by Anthony Browne.
Non-Fiction (First half term): Instructions: how to look after a pet.
Poetry: Animal Poems, Comic verse.

GEOGRAPHY

The Weather: Connected Geography:

**Identifying seasonal and daily weather
patterns in the United Kingdom: looking at
regional trends and variations.**

MUSIC

**Active Music: Exploring Instruments
Active Music: Singing Games
Link to Connected Geography: composing a
piece of Weather Music.**

ART/DT

**Link to Connected Geography: creating
weather paintings.**