



## BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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### Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Christmas and are now ready for the Spring Term.

#### **Topic**

Our 'Learning Challenge' question this half term is '**Why did the Titanic sink?**' We have attached a topic outline so that you have an idea about what we will be covering. This plan is not set in stone as we adjust our planning according to the children's interests and learning as we progress through the topic. To enhance the children's learning further we will be having an exciting 'Titanic day' in school. More information regarding this will follow shortly.

#### **Homework Grid**

As we have started a new topic, we have created a new homework grid for you to use at home (attached). Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on Mondays. Children will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We have included a range of activities that will hopefully appeal to all children and promote greater interest and engagement. Some are short activities while others may take longer to complete.

#### **Reading**

Thank you for your continued help and support with your child's reading. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do reap the rewards of regular reading. It would be great if a Year 2 class wins this time! In Year 2 we encourage the children to change their own books as often as they like to help build independence. If they wish to read the same book again, this is also encouraged as it helps build fluency in their reading. Your child will be taking home a reading book matching their colour band and some will take an additional phonics book. To encourage reading for pleasure the children will also be taking home an additional library book to be enjoyed and read together.

It is our expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week**, and this can be your child's book from school, a Bugclub book or other books you may have at home. **Please record** this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books).

## **PE**

We will be having a full afternoon of PE each week on a Wednesday. We will be having one session in the hall and one outside so children will need to have a white t-shirt, jogging bottoms or leggings and shorts as well as plimsolls in school. If your child has long hair, it will need to be tied up on these days and earrings will need to be taken out or covered with ear tape (please provide this in your child's PE bag if it is required).

## **Reminders**

- We will be having at least one session of outdoor learning a week. Each child will need a pair of wellies in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.

As the cold weather sets in all children need a coat in school each day. Please make sure these are clearly named along with any hats, scarves etc.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us, we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

The Year 2 team