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Dear Parents / Carers,

Half the school year has gone already! Hasn't that gone quickly? However, there is still lots of time to learn new things and improve, so there is more hard work ahead. We hope we can rely on your support to guide your children through it all. In particular, we would like to see a continued effort with the amount of reading at home. Please encourage your child to read regularly; it really does help them – not just in their reading but in all aspects of their learning. We will repeat what we said in our last letter, "It doesn't have to be huge amounts each time; it's the consistency and developing the reading habit that will have the most benefit." We will continue to check their reading records on a regular basis and encourage you to use these as a way of communicating about what and how well your child is reading. We would like to add the same about the children learning their maths 'Learn Its', which are another vital aspect of their learning toolkit.

We would like to remind everyone of the need for children to have the right PE kit in school each week. Recently, we have had a number of children who have not had the right kit. The children should have a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms and a warm fleece or sweatshirt. They should also have a pair of training shoes for outdoor use and pumps for indoor use, although bare feet are also acceptable for our indoor work. Swimming will continue on a Tuesday morning this half term.







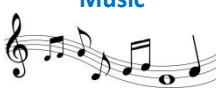


Below are the topics that we are going to be studying this half term.

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(LKS2 Class teachers)

Key Dates-

- Tuesday 26th February - Swimming starts
- Week commencing 4th March - Poetry week
- Tuesday 5th March- FOCP disco - KS2 disco is at 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
- Week commencing 18th March - Arctic and Antarctic themed week
- Week commencing 25th March - Parent consultation meetings (late night is Wednesday 27th March)
- Friday 29th March - LKS2 Maths coffee morning 9.00am-10.15am
- Friday 5th April - School closes for the Easter holiday at 2.00pm
- Tuesday 23rd April - Children back to school



Curriculum area.	Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.
English 	Shape poems Instructions and explanations	Visit https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z4mmn39 where you can learn about a range of different poems. Look round the house for examples of instructions and explanations.
Mathematics 	Measurement Fractions Decimals	Practise their 'Learn Its' Practise multiplying and dividing numbers. Talk about halves, quarters and thirds in everyday situations. http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html is a great website for maths games.
Science 	Keeping warm	Go to http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/keepingwarm.html and play the keeping warm game.
Geography 	Exploring countries around the world	If you go to https://lizardpoint.com/geography/world-quiz.php you can test your knowledge of countries, continents and oceans. How many did you get correct?
Design Technology 	Food technology	We will be looking at making healthy breakfast muffins. Ask your child to help make a meal with you.
PE 	Swimming Frisbee	Take your child swimming. It will really build their confidence.
Music 	Glockenspiels	Listen to some of your favourite music with your child. You could even create a musical instrument to accompany it.
RE 	Easter enquiry	https://www.bbc.com/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-easter/znkngwx How do Christians celebrate Easter?
Citizenship 	SRE- Sex and Relationships Education.	For parents: SRE will be introduced to children this term. We will be focusing on emotions and how to deal with our feelings. For more information go to: https://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-school-sex-education