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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.

Further information about the residential to Brathay will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

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









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(Class teachers)

### **Key Dates-**

- Week commencing 2/3/20 - Drama and storytelling week
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day and FOCP disco - KS2 disco is at 6:45pm-7:45pm
- Week commencing 23/3/20 - Parent consultation meetings (late night is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - School closes for the Easter holiday at 2.00pm



Curriculum area.	Topics, ideas and skills for development this half term.	Homework ideas linked to the curriculum areas.
 <p>English</p>	<p>Fairy tales and Playscripts</p> <p>Non-chronological Reports</p>	<p>Read a selection of fairy tales and playscripts.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=fairy+tales">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=fairy+tales</a> where you can watch a range of fairy tales.</p>
 <p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Measurement</p> <p>Fractions</p> <p>Decimals</p>	<p>Practise their 'Learn Its'</p> <p>Practise multiplying and dividing numbers.</p> <p>Talk about halves, quarters and thirds in everyday situations.</p> <p><a href="http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html">http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html</a> is a great website for maths games.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>States of Matter</p>	<p>Cook a healthy meal. How do the ingredients change as they are mixed, heated or cooled? Are the changes reversible or irreversible?</p> <p>Go to the BBC Bitesize website on - <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/changing_states/read/1/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/changing_states/read/1/</a> to play the 'changing state' game.</p>
 <p>History</p>	<p>The Wild West</p>	<p>Visit <a href="http://www.ducksters.com/history/westward_expansion/cowboys.php">http://www.ducksters.com/history/westward_expansion/cowboys.php</a> to find out more about Cowboys of the Wild West.</p>
 <p>Art and Design</p>	<p>Famous Artists</p>	<p>Visit an art gallery.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=86">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=86</a> to explore the work of different artists.</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>Swimming</p> <p>Cricket</p>	<p>Take your child swimming.</p> <p>Join the All Stars Cricket Club.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>Lean on Me - by Bill Withers</p>	<p>Listen to range of rhythm and soul music with your child.</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>How are betrayal and loyalty portrayed in the Easter story?</p>	<p>Look for examples of betrayal and loyalty in TV programmes you watch.</p>