

# Spring Term - Year 2



Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and is ready to start the new term!

We have plenty of things happening in this Spring term so we thought we would keep everyone up-to-date with our plans.

## READING AND SPELLINGS

Your child will bring home a reading book and their diary every night. It would be appreciated if you could spend 10 minutes listening to them read and making a brief comment in the diary. It is vital that your child spends time reading aloud to another adult to help encourage them to sound out letters and letter blends correctly and also to begin reading with some expression.

**Please could reading books and diaries be kept inside the plastic book bag - we will change books as and when your child needs a book changing but it is vital that books and diaries are in school everyday.** Additionally, your child will also bring home spellings to learn which they will be tested on with an adult. Again, it is very important the children spend time learning these words as not only will it aid their reading but it is a step towards them also spelling these words in independent writing. Spelling books will come home on a Friday but **only** need to be returned on the following Friday.

## St LAURENCE BEAR OUR 'GOOD FRIEND' BEAR.

We would like to introduce our Bear to you all! Each weekend we will ask a child to bring St Laurence Bear home as a treat for being a really good friend, celebrating our half-termly value and showing wonderful manners throughout the week. Feel free to include him in any activities you do during that time. He is more than happy to join in with anything you do - swimming lessons, visiting Grandma, going to Tesco...but there is no expectation for you to report back to us - it is simply a special treat for your child!



## LISTENING LOLA

Your child will probably remember taking part in 'Listening Lola' activities when they were in Reception and Year 1. In Year 2, each child will be given the chance to take Lola home for the weekend as a reward for good listening in class. Lola has her own special diary to accompany her for your child to record with photographs, words and pictures any activities they have done together. We then share this news with the class on Monday mornings.



### P.E KIT, SWEATSHIRTS and WATER.

Please make sure your child's P.E kit is named and is in all week for our lessons which will take place on a **Monday and a Thursday**. Each child is allowed to bring a bottle of water (with a lid on!!) to drink throughout the day and this can be left in the classroom. It would also be appreciated if all sweatshirts could be named as this will save many arguments after playtime and P.E!

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

As you know, we now have a very successful school website which is a great place for parents to find information about the school and upcoming events and it is also a valuable resource full of links to educational games and activities for the children. We will regularly update our class page with photos and comments about what your child has been doing in school as well as posting information about topics we are covering. We will also put copies of all the letters and spelling sheets we send home - just in case your copy gets lost! [www.st-laurenceprimary.com](http://www.st-laurenceprimary.com)

### SPRING TERM TOPICS

This term's main topic is 'All about Materials' and in science we will be learning about identifying and comparing a variety of everyday materials (wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock)

Modelled Investigation— Which materials are good to make a dragon machine and why?

Materials in everyday life. For more information and to see what we will be covering in each subject, please have a look at our topic webs on the school website.

### **Help!**

Finally if anyone has any spare time and would like to join us in school to listen to children read, help with Art activities or even any classroom jobs we would really appreciate the help. Please speak to one of us to arrange a time which is suitable for you if you are available.

Thank You

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Mrs Angell & Mrs Holtom

