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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank all of you for your support during the Autumn term, we had a great term and all the work that the children produced was fantastic. I am very excited for our next term in year 2 and I know the children are very much looking forward to our new topic.

Our topic for this term is 'A New Discovery'. In Literacy, we will be looking at a voyage and return story about a man who travels around the world in 80 days and we will be studying this to help us to write our own voyage and return story.

During this topic, the children will be going on a voyage and discovering somewhere that nobody else has ever been before! The children have created their own discovery packs to become explorers and all have their own discovery sketch books just like Charles Darwin did to make sure they sketch down everything they see! They will be learning about Charles Darwin as an historical figure and will be getting very creative during the whole topic. They will be learning about habitats in science and thinking about the type of habitat their new found place is and what will be found there. The children are so engaged and are thoroughly enjoying the topic which is really lovely to see.

We will continue to have PE on a Monday afternoon so please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school on a Monday, including trainers. If your child has their ears pierced please make sure they are able to remove their earrings themselves or have plasters with them to cover their earrings. Please also make sure that any child with long hair either has it tied up on a Monday or has a hairband in their PE kit as their hair does need to be tied up for PE. It is still fine for your child to leave their PE kit at school when we don't have PE, this is often useful in case they need to change for any reason. Please also make sure that your child continues to come to school with a named water bottle every day.

I will continue to set spellings on a Monday and My Maths will be uploaded on a Tuesday. Every child has a My Maths log in which all the children have been given. If you would like a copy of this please let me know and I can sort this for you. We will continue to read every morning in school so please ensure that your child is bringing their reading record and reading book to school every day. I do still expect the children to be reading at home every evening and it is great to see that so many of them have been doing this. Thank you all for your support with working with the children at home on their spellings, maths and reading during the Autumn term.

We will still have the volunteer readers that come in and read with the children once a week, if you or anyone you know would like to join us as a volunteer reader please contact the office regarding this.

Our outcome for this term will be held on Tuesday 11th February at 2pm. More details of this will follow, I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding anything to do with the above or anything to do with your child. You can still catch me before the bell or at the end of the day when your child is being collected.

Thank you again for your continuous support and I look forward to another great term with class 2.

Miss Longworth 