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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year To You! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We are ready to begin another exciting term. This term, our learning is based around '**Exploration and Discovery**'. We have kick-started the term by finding out more about the famous **Charles Darwin** and his adventures on HMS Beagle. Our first challenge was to make a floating vessel to transport a weighted figure across a body of water!

Our big question is: **What makes a good habitat?**

The aim of the project is to know: the name, location and characteristics of the four UK countries, what living things need in their habitats and how plants and animals obtain their foods. We will also think about what it is like to discover or experience something for the first time.

We will experience how to create story boards and animations in our art and computing sessions, as well as how to document and record our findings throughout the learning journey in our Darwin doodle books.

Our PSHE sessions will focus around **Dreams and Goals** where we will explore: Setting realistic goals, perseverance and team work.

The project outcome will be: An invitation to explore our collection of work in the form of a museum/gallery space- hopefully, there will be some animations to watch as well!

Wednesday 16th February 2022 from **2:30- 3:15pm**. It will take around 10-15 minutes to look around the gallery and see the collection.

Other areas of the curriculum that will be taught during the term can be seen on the medium term plan (see attached).

Important information

PE- Monday afternoon.

Reading and Spelling

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary in each day. It would be fantastic if you could encourage reading together daily and also comment in the diary. We will supply the children with both a **phonics reading book** and **banded book from the library**. The phonics reading book will change with the change of text (every 3-5 days). This text will be one in which your child should be able to read independently.

In addition, the children will have spellings in their spelling book. These will include 'red words'. Please encourage the practice of these spellings in which ever creative way you wish.

This term, there will be a focus on spelling within literacy. We will learn more editing skills including 'fixing' incorrect spellings.

We look forward to a term full of interesting exploration and discovery! As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please contact me via email to the school office or catch me at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Chapman and the year Two Teaching team.