



Dear Year 2 Parents,

Many thanks for all your support so far. We have had an action packed Autumn term, with Victorian Day, a visit to Wakehurst Place, our Nativity performance and lots of new learning! In the Spring term we will be visiting the National Portrait Gallery (*this will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019. A trip letter will be sent home on the first day of Spring Term*) as well as Crystal Palace Park to link with our topic of Victorians and our Geography work on scale and physical features.

We will be starting to send home weekly Highway Maths homework; this should be completed by your child with little input please, as they will be required to make corrections before moving onto the next level to ensure they are at the right level of challenge for them to progress best. We will also be starting regular reading comprehensions - any questioning you can ask about the story when helping your child to read would be a huge help since inference and deduction are vital comprehension skills. I have attached some questions you may like to consider when reading with your child.

We will also be encouraging the children to show more independence with their school reading books, and Mrs Woodhouse will no longer be changing the books daily so as to free her time up to work more with children during lesson times.

To this end, we have begun 'training' the children up to know with confidence which reading basket they are choosing from, and to return their book when finished to the correct place, and select one they haven't had before. Please can you write the name of each new book and the date each time your child selects one. Free readers are already independently signing books in and out of the library and should continue to do so. Should you need to get a message to us urgently, please contact Miss Slim, or less urgent messages will be checked via Class Dojo daily by the end of each school day. We will take in reading record books once a week to check how the children's reading at home is getting on, but please don't rely on reading record books for daily messages as we may miss these. Children are still expected to read regularly, and have comments in their reading records 3 times a week as a minimum.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Year 2, and look forward to a super Spring term!

Many thanks as always,

**Mrs Blaza and Mrs Woodhouse ☺**