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Dear Parents and Carers

We have hidden a Christmas themed word within the letter – spot the unusual capital letters!

Write the word you found on a piece of paper with your child(ren)'s name on and they will be entered into a draw for a box of chocolates!

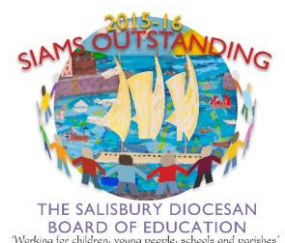
Year 2 have been very busy this term and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children as they learn through their activities. Last term our subject focus was science and geography. We explored our school grounds, created maps, designed and tested insulators for a flask and created autumn sense poems. We spent a day with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust learning about hedgehogs, creating clay hedgehogs and handling animal skulls. It was a great learning opportunity so thank you for your contributions.

This term we have many exciting plans! We will be learning all of our songs and lines for our Christmas Nativity. We will also be introducing Anti-Bullying week (12th November) with a PSHE focus. Our first parents evening of the school year will be held on 12th and 14th November. Furthermore, we are hosting a Christmas themed film night (28th November) – how exciting! Year 2 teachers will also be starting a singing club where we will hope to join the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert and wow everyone with our beautiful singing.

Our topic this term is entitled 'God save the Queen' where we will be learning about the Queen's Coronation. A topic web, containing additional information about our learning focuses this term will also be sent to you. This term's Building Learning Power theme is **Responsibility** – the focus areas for this theme are expectations, cause, and effect. We encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about what responsibility means to you and to them and how this can support people with making the right choices.

A few reminders:

- PE kit needs to be in all week (you never know when our teachers will take us out for some fresh air!)
- PE kits should contain - t-shirt, shorts, warm outside jumper, warm jogging bottoms, plimsolls and trainers. All items must be named; we cannot guarantee that lost items of clothing will be returned otherwise. We recommend that your child(ren) test their PE shoes out before bringing them to school to ensure that they can move and run without issue.
- Snacks need to be healthy - no biscuits, crisps or chocolate (remember we are a **nut free** school!)
- Drop off opens at 8.30 and closes at 8.40
- Children are responsible for their own stationary – if items are lost or broken purposefully, we will be asking for a small contribution of 20p to help us cover the costs within our small class budgets.



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- It is imperative that children should read every night. Did you know that if you read one book a day to your child, by the time they are five they will have accessed over 1825 books! Think of all of that rich vocabulary the children will be able to use!

Home learning

- Monday – handwriting sent home and reading (Bug Club)
- Tuesday – reading (Bug Club)
- Wednesday – handwriting due back in and reading (Bug Club or any book!)
- Thursday – reading (Bug Club)
- Friday – Maths TT Rock stars and reading (Bug Club or any book!)

Spellings for the whole term will be given out on Monday 5th. Please keep these safe and practise them regularly with your children.

Our reading target for this term is *inference*; this means reading between the lines and using the text as evidence to back up and justify your opinion. The children will be given a reading target bookmark during the first week back with a selection of *inference* questions for you to ask during shared reading times.

PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) and subject leadership time

All teachers in the school are allocated PPA time. This is the time where the class teachers can prepare for the following weeks planning and teaching. All teachers are entitled to 10% non-contact time for PPA. Some of our teachers are also subject leaders and they are also entitled to non-contact release time in order to monitor and evaluate the schools progress within their subject. We are very lucky to also have NQT's (Newly Qualified Teachers). They are entitled to their 10% PPA time as well as an additional 10% non-contact release time. Please see below for the Year 2 teachers release time.

Mrs S Black covered by **Pauline Burgess** - PPA and NQT time - All day Thursday

Miss Holden covered by **Pauline Burgess** - PPA and Deputy SENco/ Interventions Leader - All day Friday

Miss Jenkins covered by **Katie Moore** - PPA and English Lead - All day Monday

If you have any questions or would like to book a meeting to discuss your child's progress then please contact your class teacher.

We are looking forward to a fun and inspiring second Term on the lead up to Christmas!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Black, Miss Holden and Miss Jenkins.

