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*'Being Better Every Day'*

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2**

We are excited to share our second Topic Newsletter of the school year.  
In **Term 2**, our topic title is still **'Pudding to Pepys'**

*'This project teaches has a Geographical focus. It will build upon the children's knowledge of the four countries that make up the UK and focus in more detail on London and Eastbourne. The children will think about the differences between a city and town. They will use world maps, atlases, globes, aerial photos, information and other sources to find out about the human and physical features.'*

During this topic, your child will attempt to answer the essential question;

**'What are the main differences between our capital city  
and the town we live in?'**

### **Topic Project**

For each topic, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this topic, your child could make a map of the UK (highlighting London and Eastbourne), a more detailed map of London (including mini landmarks – River Thames, key buildings...) or a map of Eastbourne (including the sea, lighthouse, harbour, the Downs...).

**Images** Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects.



Your child may wish to come up with their own idea for their home learning project. Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.

We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

**Useful Websites:**

<https://www.st-thomas.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Week-10-Day-Geography-Human-and-Physical-features.pdf> (very good to understand human and physical features)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1--ks2-the-united-kingdom/zhtgrj6>

Home learning projects should be completed by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Reading and Homework**

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 2, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 15 minutes every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record. **Please ensure your child brings their Book Bag into school every day, especially Mondays.** This will be when your child's reading scheme book and story book will be changed. Your child can choose to complete further homework activities from the homework grid that will be sent out early in Term 2.

**PE**

This term, our PE lesson will take place on **Tuesday** afternoons. Your child should wear their PE kit to school on that day, each week. Your child must ensure they have their plimsolls/trainers, as well as shorts or tracksuit bottoms (during colder weather) and a t-shirt for their lesson.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Taylor  
Year 2 Class Teacher

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