

# Goodall Class Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term and I wish you all a happy new year.

Our topic for the first half of Spring term is Geography with a specific focus on mapping skills. During this topic we will be looking at the key features of maps including symbols, how to locate countries and the different compass points.



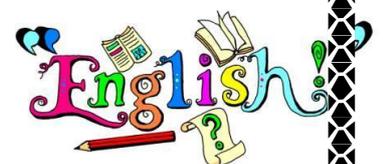
In Science we will be looking at Materials. We will be finding out how they change shape, which materials are waterproof and the different purposes of materials.

In English we will be working on a range of different text types this half term. We will be looking at diary writing, descriptions, story writing and recounts based upon the film UP!



In Guided Reading this term we will be focussing on the different skills needed to answer SATs style questions.

Please continue to support your child at home by reading with them daily Please use the reading record as a way of communicating with the class teacher. It is also useful to write what your child has done well and what they have found difficult when they are reading with you.





This term in **Maths** we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

**Shape and Fractions.** A good knowledge of **times tables** is essential for a child to make good progress in maths. We have started to use **TT Rockstars** to help. Children will receive weekly opportunities to develop their mathematical reasoning and problem solving skills.



Our PE day is Friday. We will be focussing on netball skills this term. Please make sure that PE kits are in school on these days. It is recommended that children bring in the PE kits and keep them at school or return them Monday morning. Children need to bring black shorts, a white or house colour short sleeved top and plimsolls. Please include jogging bottoms or a top (dark in colour) and trainers for outside lessons during the colder, wetter months. Please label all items of clothing so that we can return any misplaced items.

### Homework

At the start of each half term the children will be given a grid containing a variety of homework choices. They are to choose and complete one each week; they don't have to do them all (unless they want to!). This will also include weekly spellings and opportunities to access **TTrockstars** and

Spelling Shed from home. If you have any concerns about logins or passwords, please speak to me. Thank you for your support in making sure your child completes their homework.

If you have any questions, feel free to speak to me after school or call in at the office to make an appointment if you need a little more time for discussion.

Miss Niven