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Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

Class 2 Autumn 2 Term Newsletter

Welcome back to what is going to be a very busy but exciting term.

Dates for your diary:

Parents Evening: **19th and 20th November**

Nativity Performance: **9th December 2pm Dress Rehearsal. Tuesday 10th December 6.00pm evening performance.**

13th December Christmas Jumper Day

19th December Panto Jack and the Beanstalk

Rockets and Fluency Fish/ Pick 'n' Mix Homework

Following a discussion with Mr Hunt, we have decided to stop using the Reading Rockets and from now on, we will be setting 10 spellings a week for the majority of the pupils. These will be sent home on a Friday, practised in school as well as at home and tested on the following Friday when new spellings will be issued. Please encourage your child to write their spellings into interesting sentences using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. They could also use question marks, exclamation marks, speech marks and commas in lists. Please continue to practise number facts as these greatly help your child with their recall of number facts. Little and often practice is the best way to make this easier both for yourselves and your child. There will an opportunity to share homework that your child is particularly proud of at the end of term.

PE

Now the colder weather is upon us please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and outdoor trainers in school, as we will be outside learning winter invasion games. Do make sure trainers still fit! Our PE sessions will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Christmas Nativity

Class 2 take the lead in our Key Stage 1 Nativity play. This year our play is called "The Nativity." Singing practice has already commenced! Acting parts will be allocated in the near future and a letter will follow regarding any costume requirements.

Marley Monkey Returns:

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Since the children enjoyed hearing about each other's time with Marley last term, he will be making a return visit to each family. Once again, please take him wherever you go e.g beavers, swimming, clubs, shopping etc. The inclusion of drawings or photographs would be great. Please encourage your child to punctuate each sentence and use conjunctions (and, but so, because, or, that), a range of time connectives, expanded noun phrases (e.g large, exciting playground) and commas in listing. The children will then share/read their diary writing with the class.

Reading:

Please keep up the regular reading as the children are making great progress. Thank you to my parent helpers- the children love to read to different audiences! Children should continue spending at least 10 minutes per evening reading. Please remember, children do not just have to focus on a school reading book; magazines, comics and home books also count, as the aim is to foster a love for reading. Reading a bedtime story is a lovely way to spend quality time with your child as well.

Request for parental help:

If you have spare time and would be willing to come and listen to the children read, or help support children learn spellings, or number facts please do let me know as soon as possible. Children love to be heard to read and having a varied audience to listen to them enables them to develop confidence and enjoyment. I would be very grateful of any offers of help. I am planning for the children to have the opportunity to make Christmas stockings this term, which will involve children cutting and sewing. In order to do this help will be required, so please let me know if you would be willing to help. DBS checks are required for safeguarding purposes.

Once again, if you have any skills which you would like to share with the class please let me know- it may be a passion for cooking, DT, any of the Arts, Music (Christmas card making or decoration making!) I believe that together we are co-educators of our children and to have the opportunities to be involved and learn together is beneficial (and fun) for all: adults and children alike.

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I am always happy to meet with you at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Have a great term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones

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