

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term in Year 2, I hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break.

Our project this term is called 'Coastlines' and there is a detailed project web which can be found on the class page, on the website, that details all the learning that will be taking place – including our school trip to Southend.

Alongside the web, you will also find the #mylearning grid and accompanying sheets for the children to complete at home with you. There are some great activities on there to support the children with their learning in school, as well as some valuable life skills too.

There are a few changes to the Maths homework this term, it can now be found by downloading the 'White Rose Infinity' app, we have put how to access it on the class page and have emailed it along with this letter. The sheets are still available with the answers on the class page which mirror the online questions if you wish to use these instead. Alongside the Maths homework, there is also (Monster Multiplication and 2simple table toons) both programmes can be found on Purple Mash using the search tool. There is also an online game called 'Hit the Button' where the children can also practice their times tables (these are optional).

For the English sheets, we have moved to four levels to stretch and challenge the children in preparation from Year 3.

The stars work as follows and are based on the colour bands we use in school

4 stars – Lime

3 stars – Gold and White

2 stars – Turquoise and Purple

1 star – Phase 5 phonics

You will see that there is more to read compared to last term as we are working on building the children's reading speed and because of the increased length completing the sheet counts towards **two** of the weekly 5 reads expected each week. One of the most important parts of #mylearning is reading with your child every night. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

We look forward to seeing what the children produce and proudly displaying it in the classroom. You can email us any work directly at the admin address or send in a paper copy.

Reading diaries and **all books** need to be in **their bags every day** and the books will be changed on a Thursday and sharing books on a Thursday too, when we visit the library. We collect #mylearning points on a Friday.

Some children will now have chapter books (lime) as their group readers and will read sections each week so these will books **will not** be changed weekly. If the children would like to read these at home, they know that they are only to reread what we have read in class and not read ahead.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday and both sessions are both outdoors this term. The children are expected to arrive at school in full school PE kit and any **earrings removed** if your child is unable to remove them themselves. If they have an after school club, please send in a kit, if it is not a PE day.

If you have any queries, concerns or just want to chat please email me us: admin@bentleyst-pauls.essex.sch.uk, call the office or catch us on the gate at the end of the day.

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Hanlon, Mrs Chapman, Miss Cebreiro and Mrs Strange