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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Prosper Class – Year 2!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had a lovely Christmas. Happy new year to you all! We are all looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of exciting things planned.

Prosper teaching staff

We would like to inform you that for the spring term, Miss Morton will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays. Miss Bevis will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, both Miss Morton and Miss Bevis will teach the class in the morning and Miss Grubb will teach them in the afternoon.

Topic:

Our first topic for this term is: 'Ocean Explorers.' We will gain an understanding of people who explored the oceans including pirates and Christopher Columbus. As our topic finale, we will be filming our own news report. We would like to upload this video to the school website so that you can all view it at home. Please return the attached form detailing whether you would like your child to appear in the recording or not. We cannot let any child appear in the recording without your consent. However, if you do not wish your child to be in the film clip, they will still be involved with 'behind the scenes' roles.

PE

Our class will have PE with Mr Bacon on **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their appropriate PE kit in school at all times:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with biro).

If your child takes part in a sport club afterschool, please ensure their kit is returned to school the next day, or bring a spare kit for the club.

Reading:

It is expected that year 2 children read at home **at least 3 times per week**. They will also read their individual reading book to an adult in school once a week. This could be with any of the adults who work or volunteer in Prosper class. As well as this, your child will have group reading activities during guided reading and Read Write Inc. daily.



When your child is a confident reader at Green book band level, they will move onto the Accelerated Reader scheme. We would like to remind you that Accelerated Reader focuses on a child's comprehension of a text. In order to understand what they read, a child must read fluently. Therefore, you may find that the texts are easier to decode than the reading books that they had before. As part of the AR program, your child will complete a quiz once they have finished reading a book. Your child must have read their book over two days before they are allowed to change it. This may mean reading it twice or splitting the text over the two days. Once you have finished reading a book at home, it would help if you asked them questions about what they have read.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school because this is the only day that they will be checked for points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

1. Reading: at least three times a week (reading records will be checked on a Monday morning)
2. Learning times tables facts
3. Spellings

Homework folders will be given out on a Friday. They must be returned by the following **Thursday morning** at the latest. This will allow staff enough time to mark the homework before it is returned. Please note, only homework that is handed in on time will be marked.

Children will be tested on their spellings and times tables on a Friday. Results will be put back in their homework folders so that you know how they got on.

Golden Time:

This term we would like to reward children who have followed the school rules with 'Golden Time' at the end of the week. They will be able to choose from a variety of activities for 30 minutes on a Friday. A child will not get their Golden Time if they have shown any 'red' behaviour during that week or if their name has been put onto the 'amber chart' twice. Please do not allow your child to bring in anything from home for this Golden Time.

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Prosper class. Please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. If you have any urgent matters that need addressing, you can leave a message with the member of staff on the door. If you need to discuss something with us in person, please speak to the office who will contact us.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morton, Miss Bevis, Miss Grubb and Mrs Cookson
Prosper team

