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Year 2 – Spring Term 3 Letter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to return to school in 2025 and I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. This term, we have planned lots of exciting learning for our new enquiry project **"What makes a great explorer?"** In this History-led theme, we will learn about Captain Robert Falcon Scott. He was a Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions: the *Discovery* expedition of 1901–1904 and the ill-fated *Terra Nova* expedition of 1910–1913. We will use artefacts and secondary sources to learn more about their journey and what went wrong for them. The children will also take part in a workshop about Edward Wilson from Cheltenham who was with Scott on that fatal expedition. This event is organised by The Wilson Museum in Cheltenham – a separate letter will be sent with more details. Our science work will link nicely to this as we look at "Animals and Humans" exploring the basic needs of animals including humans for survival. Knowledge organisers for Science and History are attached to use at home for retrieval practice. **PE sessions** will be **Tuesdays and Thursdays** this term however, PE Kits need to be in school everyday in case of timetable changes.

Areas of learning for Term 3:

English – Adventure story, poetry, fact file

Maths – Shape, money, multiplication and division

Science – Animals, including humans (knowledge organiser is attached)

History – Scott of the Antarctic and other famous explorers (knowledge organiser is attached)

Art – Watercolours in the style of Edward Wilson

PSHE – Dreams and Goals

RE – Who are Muslims and how do they live? Part 2

Computing – Robot Algorithms

Music – "I Wanna Play in a Band" rock song to appraise, learn and perform

PE – Striking and Fielding and Gymnastics

We have finished two class books we used for whole class reading in Term 2: "The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark" and "A Jolly Disaster." This term we will start with "The Magic Faraway Tree" by Enid Blyton.

Remember these items everyday:

Water bottle Warm, waterproof coat Reading books and reading diaries PE Kits with house t-shirt Hat and gloves

Homework

- Reading remains a priority in Year 2 with children being listened to at least 4 times a week at home by parents. Please record each time your child is listened to. We will continue to visit the library on Thursdays. Use the Oxford Reading Buddy as an alternative book too – it really is a great resource and write e-Book in your child's diary if they read that instead.
- NumBots is available for your child to access for Maths homework. Their username/pin is inside their reading diary. **Pupils can begin using TimesTablesRockStars using the same log in details as NumBots.**
- Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Proctor Year 2 Class Teacher