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**SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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***CLASS 2 NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2019***

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Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back to another busy term in Year 2! We hope that you all enjoyed as restful a Christmas break as possible with young children!

This term in English we shall start by learning about traditional stories from other cultures. We will be looking at how to draw ideas and information together from across a whole text and why things happen or characters change. We will be writing our own versions of traditional tales, focusing on the accurate use of capital letters, full stops, commas and speech marks. We will then be investigating non-fiction texts, in the form of writing instructions and recounting events.

Our second narrative unit this term will be fantasy stories and finally we will be studying poetry, with a view to developing our vocabulary. Daily phonics work will continue, with an increased focus on the grammar, punctuation and spelling objectives for Year 2.

Handwriting practice will now focus on joining letters fluently and neatly. Please encourage best handwriting at all times. When reading at home, support to develop reading comprehension would be most helpful. We will continue with our weekly guided reading sessions with a focus on comprehension. Your support with reading at home is greatly appreciated and the children would not be making this great progress without this. Please could we remind you to write a comment in your child's reading journal each time you read at home. In June we will be asked to provide evidence to support the levels we give the children for the end of key stage assessments. Reading journals have proved to be a key piece of evidence for an external moderator, so we are keen to get as much information in them as possible. Thank you.

In Maths this term we will continue to develop quick recall of 2, 3, 5 & 10 times tables. We will also work on developing our reasoning skills in multiplication and division. We will be interpreting statistics and understanding pictograms and tally charts.

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We shall be studying the following subjects in the other curriculum areas:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
Science	Use of everyday materials	Investigation unit
D&T		Healthy eating and food preparation
History/Geography	An inspirational person in history	Japan
P.E.	Gymnastics and Dance	Gymnastics and Dance
R.E.	Christianity – exploring baptism	An introduction to Hinduism Christianity – Easter focus
Art	Printing collage and textiles	
Music	Exploring pitch, instruments and symbols - ocarinas	
I.C.T	Simple programming	E safety/Internet research
PSHE	Linked to cross curricular	

We will be undertaking the DT project of making Joseph's Coat. This has been a popular topic over the years in Class 2 and we have traditionally invited parents and grandparents to help us. If you can thread a needle, have a lot of patience and a sense of humour, we would love you to come and help us with this project. This will be for our open lesson on Monday 4 June.

Our class assembly will be on Friday 25 January at 3pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Could we please take this opportunity to ask that no holidays are requested during the month of May as this is when our SATs tasks are carried out.

Our PE days will be alternately on Mondays and Tuesdays; please could we request that earrings are taken out on these days.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to another enjoyable term in Class 2. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

We do hope you will be able to attend the Drop-in Zone on Tuesday 5 February from 3.30pm until 4.00pm.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Ashman and Mrs L Richardson  
Class Teachers

