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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Thank you again for our kind gifts which were sent into school. On behalf of all the staff in Year Two, we would like to send our expressed thanks for your generosity.

This term our English topic relates to the book 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' by Andrea Beaty, a lovely story about Growth Mindset. Through the themes in this book, we will be exploring and creating our own inventions so that we can host our 'Inventors' Fair on the morning of our parents' assembly - **Thursday 1st February between 9:15 and 10am**. The children will present their learning to you, followed by our fair, which is an opportunity for them to show their junk model creations and explain their purpose and how they work.

We are particularly excited about the opportunities for writing this project will give us. In the run up to the big day, the children will also write home to invite you to our special morning (so please save the date!).



To make this experience as real as possible, and to give our writing real purpose, we intend for the children to send invitations to you in the post. They will write their own invitations and walk in small groups to the post box opposite school. With this in mind, we are asking if you can send in a postage stamp for your child, which we will keep safe ready for our envelopes.

Which we intend to post on **25th/26th January**.

In Maths this term, we will focus on money and multiplication. Thank you again for your commitment to the online Numbot games, it has been fantastic to see the children make real progress in their number fluency. Your Numbots logins and passwords will also work on Times Table Rock Stars for those children ready to start practicing their times tables at home. In Year Two we like to ensure the children are secure in their 2s, 5s, and 10 times tables before moving onto the 3s, 4s and 8s times tables. When it comes to using these apps, we suggest little and often is best, 15 minutes spread across the week will really support their in-school learning. <https://ttrockstars.com/>

In other areas of our curriculum, we will be learning about significant people in History - Rosa Parks and Emily Davison. Science will see us study animals and their habitats. We will investigate minibeasts and where they live. After half term, this will extend to life cycles - having caterpillars (and hopefully tadpoles) in school. If you have a pond, please let us know if you come across any frog spawn we can have for our classrooms. We can send home a small tank and net - any successful frogs would need to be returned later in the term from where they have come from.



Home Learning

Date to be handed in by:	Activity:
5 th February	History: In school we are learning about significant people in history. For your own home learning project please find out about a significant person from history (or present day) and explain why you find them inspirational.

Weekly spellings will continue to be sent home on Mondays and tested in school the following week.

Reading books will continue to go home on Mondays and are to be returned on Friday. Little Wandle books should be read a minimum of 3 times over the week to an adult at home. Please write a comment in your child's yellow reading record and return this alongside your child's reading book daily. If you misplace or damage a Little Wandle reading book you will be asked to cover the £5 cost towards a new book, so please do take good care of the books. Our additional 'borrow a book' sets located in the Year 2 area can be changed any day, these are the responsibility of the children to change themselves. Children are welcome to take two additional books alongside their main Little Wandle weekly reading book.

We are really looking forward to getting into the new year and focusing on our wonderful new topics along with all the exciting things we have planned. If you have anything you wish to discuss with us, we continue to be available to speak on the playground informally at the end of the school day, or you can email us via the school office.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miss Hichens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the bottom.

Mr Marchant
Y2 Rhino

Miss Hichens
Y2 Elephants