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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 6th January 2017

Happy New Year! We hope you had a good break and are really pleased with the enthusiastic start to the term made by all Year 2 children so far.

Topic

Our new topic is Kings, Queens and Castles. We will be exploring the British Royal Family and finding out about several key monarchs. We have already been working on transforming our classrooms to contain our very own castles and so we will also be learning about the history of castles and their typical features. Overleaf you will find some ideas of Home Learning activities that you can do at home with your children to complement this topic.

Reading at home and Library

Grasshoppers - Thursday

Beetles - Wednesday

Please ensure your child brings in their **book bag every day** so they can change their book every morning and take notices home. We will be visiting the **library once a week to return and borrow two books**, one for long them reading and the other purely for enjoyment.

Class Assemblies

We are really excited to invite you to our class assemblies this half term. These are excellent opportunities for our children to develop their performance skills and improve their confidence in speaking in front of an audience, while sharing with you some of the fantastic work we have done in class. Your child will be bringing their lines home at some point in the next few weeks and the more practice, the better!

The dates for your diaries are:

Grasshoppers - Thursday 26th January at 2.45pm

Beetles - Thursday 2nd February at 2.45pm

Trip

We are currently finalising details of our trips for the Spring Term and will write to let you know as soon as we have further information.

PE

Year 2 will continue to have **PE sessions on a Friday** and children will need to arrive to school in their PE kit.

Start and end of day

Please remember to **say goodbye to them in the playground** in the morning and then **send them up to their classroom alone**. If you need to speak to us, we will be available to deal with any queries you may have on a **Monday afternoon at 3:15pm in the playground**, or as usual at the end of the day.

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We will place news items on the school website to keep you informed about learning taking place in Year 2. Home learning and spelling words will be updated weekly through the Year 2 Google Classroom - please make time to check this with your child regularly to consolidate their school learning.

Finally, a big thank you to all of the parents and children in the Beetles class for making Pippa feel so welcome. We are working hard to ensure that it is a smooth transition for everyone and feel we have got off to a happy and productive start to this year's learning.

Pippa and Jacob – Year 2 Team

Find out about the life of a King or Queen. What were they known for? Write a fact-file about their life. Include a picture if you can!

Investigate what different castles look like. How would you like your castle to look? Make your own. You can use cardboard, tubes, paper, egg cartons, boxes. Decorate it using whatever you like!

Write a list of all the words you can think of to do with kings, queens or castles. Now put them into alphabetical order. Now put them into order of how many letters they have. Now try and make a wordsearch with them!

Try to visit a castle or palace in London. Write a report about the things you saw there, how did you get there? What was your favourite thing?

Kings, Queens and Castles

Home Learning Ideas

What would you do if you were king or queen for a day? Write a list of rules which you would introduce for your country.

Royal weddings are an always an exciting event in the UK. Find out about the last royal wedding between the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. How did people celebrate? Google classroom will share links to videos and websites to help you!
You could even design a royal wedding dress or cake!

Find out about some good things and bad things which a king or queen might have done. Do you think they were good rulers?

Which other countries have kings and queens? Investigate and find out more about the current rulers.