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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to your child's final term in Year Two. The children are continuing to make good progress and are eager to learn all about our new topics.

This term we have a history focus as our topic is all about **Captain James Cook**. The children will be given the opportunity to explore his life through **Science, Geography, Art, Music and History**.

As we approach the end of Year Two, your child will be working towards completing the national SAT assessment tasks. There will be four assessments in total which will look at a range of the skills your child has explored this year.

Your child will complete two separate **reading comprehensions** which are similar to the ones that they have been completing throughout the year. The final assessments will be looking at the range of **mathematical** concepts taught this year. The two elements to this paper include an arithmetic section focussing solely on number and a reasoning paper where the children will decipher word problems to answer questions.

Alongside what promises to be a very busy term, the children will learn lots of new skills in the foundation subjects. During **Computing**, we will be using the Apple suite to take photographs and using Garage Band to create and compose our own music! In **Science** we will be looking at plants and growing as well as materials. We will be looking at the oceans, continents and countries in **Geography** and comparing our local area to an area Captain Cook explored. In **Art** we will be creating The Endeavour in different ways and also looking at aboriginal art. During **RE** we are looking at *Special Places*, focussing on the church and the children will be going to visit our local church. We will be making healthy snacks as part of our **DT** curriculum which will build on children's knowledge of basic cookery skills. Our healthy eating focus will link to **Health and Fitness week** which will take place this term. We will be exploring different Rights throughout the term and this week will be a platform to discuss Article 24 of the **UN Convention on the Rights of a Child**. **Article 24** (health and health services) *Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.*

With the better weather approaching (we hope!) we will endeavour to have lots more PE outside focussing on games and athletics. Please make sure that your child has a full, appropriate PE kit including trainers as plimsolls can be very slippery on the playground.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in reading with your child at home and sending their reading books back into school every week. We have seen significant improvements in the children's reading and their thirst for reading is a joy to see.

On May 19th 2017, Mrs Wilson's class will be presenting their class assembly at 9.45am in the main hall, you are more than welcome to come along and celebrate your child's learning.

Year Two Teachers

Mrs Brown, Mrs Wilson, Miss Turner