



It was lovely to see so many parents attending our SAT's meeting last half term, we hope you found it useful and your suggestions to how this could be improved further were greatly appreciated. Thank you for sending the children back to school in full, smart school uniforms, including black shoes. As the weather improves, the children may not wish to wear their coats at break and lunch times but please ensure they have some form of warmer clothing with them should they need it. Please continue to make sure that names are in all of your child's clothes as well as on their book bags.

Attendance and Punctuality

As you are aware, the children will be sitting their SAT's test in May. We have asked for children not be taken out of school within this month. However, if you are planning to do so please inform the school so we can make appropriate arrangements for your child.

The academy doors open at **8.40am** to allow pupils to come in and start registration. Lessons begin at **8.45am** and every minute counts, especially this half term!

Physical Education

This half term, PE for Year 2 children will continue to take place on **Wednesdays**. Please make sure your child has appropriate **dark shorts, a white or red t-shirt and shoes appropriate for indoor and outdoor** in school at all times.

Homework, Reading and Book Bags

Thank you to those of you who have encouraged your children to complete homework and practise spellings over the Easter holiday. This is greatly appreciated and we hope that they can continue to work on this over the coming half term. Your child needs to **read at home at least 3 times a week** and have it **recorded in their reading record**. Thank you for your continuing support.



Land, Ahoy!

The children have started this half term with lots of enthusiasm for our new topic, 'Land, Ahoy!' This topic will begin by looking at pirates, with a focus on the book 'The Night Pirates,' and move on to the life of Captain Cook. At the beginning of May we have planned to take the children to the Captain Cook Museum at Stewart's Park. Captain Cook's ship is on display at the Cleveland Centre in the next few weeks. If you have the opportunity to take your child to see the ship, we would love to see a photo of them with it to display in school.