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| Dear Parent or Carer,  Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term. We had a fantastic first half term together and the children worked so hard! I am excited to carry on this learning into this half term. This half term our study unit is going to be a history focus, we will be exploring the first railways and events beyond living memory, that are significant nationally or globally. We will be particularly studying George Stephenson and we are looking forward to being able to see the replica Rocket at the York Railway Museum! The Knowledge Organiser will give you more details of the things we will learn. If you or your child have any interesting books, artefacts or photographs to do with the topic, please send them in to share.  **English**  In English, reading and writing will be based around our key text: Traction Man. We will be innovating our own story based around Traction Man using lots of ambitious vocabulary and description. We will then be writing with a purpose to inform and writing a set of instructions about how to travel safely on the train.  **Maths**  Our Maths learning this term will focus on Addition and Subtraction. Last half term the children worked extremely hard to master their number bonds to 10 and 20. They even pushed themselves to make links to add across tens and complete additions to 100. Please encourage your child to practise their number bonds to 10 and 20 at home. These key facts are an essential part of their learning. | **Homework**  Reading  Please help us by returning reading books **every Thursday** to ensure that we can send out two new books each Friday.  *Please comment on each book that your child reads, as when they achieve ten comments, they will receive a special certificate in Gold Book assembly as part of the ‘Ten Book Challenge’.*  Spelling  Spelling sheets are given out alongside two reading books **every Friday**, to be returned the following Friday. Your child will have a short ‘Spelling quiz’ each week and we will communicate their results with you via their spelling sheet. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings little and often throughout the week.  Maths  Please encourage your child to play on Numbots regularly at home. Little and often is the perfect approach and will really support your child in learning their key number facts.  Your child’s log-in details for Numbots are on the inside cover of their reading records. Each week, a Numbots star is chosen for a special certificate in Celebration Assembly! If you have any difficulties logging on, please come and see me.  The children will be focusing on their 2 times-tables this half term. | **Key dates**  **Tuesday 14th- Wednesday 15th November 2023**  Parents Evening.  **Tuesday 16th November 2023**  Year 2s Trip to York Railway Museum (see ParentMail).  **PE days**  PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. If your child wears earrings, please make sure that they are taken out or covered before school on these days. Your child needs to come to school with tape and this is either put on by parents/carers or the child themselves. Adults in school are unable to cover up your child’s earrings.  If your child is unable to take part in PE, please could you let me know, this needs to be accompanied with a letter explaining why.  **Other areas of the curriculum**  In Science this half term, we are investigating the use of everyday materials. In DT, we will be designing and creating a Christmas Pouch and in PSHE we are learning all about Friendship.  **Reminders**  Please remember to bring a named water bottle in to school each day.  Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child’s name. |