

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome you back after the half term break. We hope you all had a lovely time. We are pleased to be welcoming back Ms Smith into Class 1. She will be working in class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Wilkinson will work on Thursday and Friday. Miss Ballinger will also be continuing her teacher training in class 1 with support and guidance from Ms Smith and Mrs Wilkinson.

This term we will be focusing on local geography and we will be going on a village walk. We will then begin comparing and contrasting our local village with a village in Africa. This is because we will be looking at the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'

The build continues and so please can we remind you that children need to have a pair of wellies or old trainers in school if they wish to play on the field or Smooga. This is because with the weather it is just so wet and muddy everywhere! We thank you for your support with this.

Book changes in class one will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, starting from next week.

Class 2 will not have set days for book change, but will expect to see daily reading happening. Reading diaries and books should be in school every day so we can record guided reading and any individual reading. Books can be changed when they have been read and recorded in their diary.

Thank you for your continued support with the arrangements for the start of the day, we will be on the playground from 8.45. This will allow you to speak with us about anything. We will then take the children into the classroom. With this please could you try and avoid coming into the cloakroom or walking your children to the classroom door, especially when it is raining. We understand it can be tricky at times, especially when children are upset but be rest assured we will look after them!

Home learning

All children should now have received their home learning brochure for this term. Each week there is a task to be completed, remember all home learning is due in on Tuesday of each week. A copy of the brochure can also be found on the website.

Daily reading is also a part of home learning and we would ask that children read at least 4 times a week. We would also like to encourage children to use Mathletics and Rock Star Time Tables when possible.

PE with

Mr Tanner

Class 1 will have PE on Tuesday and Friday and Class 2 will have PE on Thursday and Friday. Children should have a labelled PE kit in school, as it gets colder this should consist of lots of layers and suitable outdoor footwear.

General reminders

With the weather being changeable it is especially important that the children have a change of suitable clothing for forest school activities. This could just be a waterproof coat, trousers and wellington boots. Dates for forest school can be found on the school website calendar. We will always try and give as much notice as possible if dates change.

The Skinny Jean Gardener will be joining us on Wednesday 11th March, all children will need to have a suitable change of clothes including footwear.

General reminders:

- Named water bottle
- Waterproof coat.

Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Smith and Miss Igoe