

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and get going on another jam-packed term of learning. This term we are focusing on 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and this will link into our geography topic.

A fruit snack is provided every day but if you wish to send your child in with an alternative healthy snack then please feel free, please no crisps or chocolate bars/sweets.

We will aim to change books at least twice a week on a Monday and Thursday, but would encourage you to re-read each book before asking to change as this helps build language development and word recognition. Please record all reading, we will only change books if there is comment in the reading diary to show reading at home.

Our class assembly will be on Tuesday 30th January. This will be an opportunity for the children to share their work with the whole school and any family or friends that can attend. It will start at 9am and last for no longer than 30 minutes.

Please do not hesitate to speak with me after school about any concerns or queries. Miss Igoe ☺

Home learning

Your support at home makes a huge difference.

Reading – daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child. Even if your child is a free reader, hearing them read, helping with unfamiliar vocabulary and discussing the story and characters makes a huge difference. The books we send home from school will be matched to your child's current reading ability so that they can decode the text, understand what they have read and be able to discuss the book with an adult. We check reading records daily so please write a note of your child's reading and send it to school every day.

Maths – learning in this term will be on counting within 20 www.topmarks.co.uk has lots of great games.

Please do not hesitate to make contact should home learning not make sense or is confusing! The children should always recognise the learning as it is based on the things we do in class. Maths and English (writing) will be on alternate weeks beginning next Wednesday (10th January).

Drop off and collection arrangements:

8:45am drop off at the main gate (please pass on any messages to the teachers on duty or the school office)

3:15pm collection from the school playground.

PE: Class 1 has PE on Tuesdays and children can come to school wearing their PE kits on this day. All items of PE kit need to be clearly labelled and, as it gets colder, should consist of lots of layers and suitable outdoor footwear. Please ensure your child has a named, refillable water bottle in school every day too.

Forest School: Forest school clothes (long sleeved tops, trousers/leggings and waterproofs) can be worn to school on Forest School days. Named wellies can either be left in school on the racks outside of the classroom, or brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home again. Our Forest School sessions are **Tuesday 23rd January. As this is also a PE day please make sure children are suitably dressed for both.**

We are very lucky to be joined by Miss Airey for the next 2 terms as she begins her complimentary placement for her teaching training. She will be in school every day from Monday 8th January except for Friday for the first few weeks. Please feel free to say hello to her at pick up time.

Miss Igoe

Spring 1
Week 1 – 4th January (2 days) Revise and recap
Week 2 – 8th January Revise new graphemes for reading: ay ou ie ea Revise the days of the week Teach correct use of -nk (NC)
Week 3 – 15th January Revise new graphemes for reading: oy ir ue (as in glue) ue (as in cue) Teach correct use of ph (NC)
Week 4 – 22nd January Revise new graphemes for reading: aw wh ph ew (as in blew) Teach correct use of -wh (NC)
Week 5 - 29th January Revise new graphemes for reading: ew (as in few) oe au ey Teach correct use of -tch (NC)
Week 6 – 5th February Revise new graphemes for reading: a-e e-e i-e o-e Teach correct use of -ve (NC)

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