

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and I really want to say a massive **THANK YOU** from the team for all the lovely gifts and cards and kind messages we received. We love working with your children and hope they are enjoying Class 1 as much as we are.

Please see the annual overview for Class 1 which is on the website for further information about this term's learning.

Reading Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child. The books we send home from school are 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 expect your child to read at least a couple of pages of their book every day and to reread the books they are given. Please record every time your child reads. **We check reading diaries every day so please make sure your child's reading book and reading diary are in their bags every day.**

Book change will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday. We encourage you to re-read each book as this helps build language development, word recognition and fluency.

Phonics

We will continue to practise the Phase 5 sounds by using and applying our knowledge so far. Please continue to support this new learning by practising the sounds at home using the sound cards given out last term.

PE This term Class 1 will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays and children must come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. All items of PE kit need to be clearly labelled.

Snack and water bottles Please ensure your child has a **named**, refillable water bottle in school every day. This should contain water only.

A fruit snack is provided for your child but if they would like to bring in a healthy snack they are most welcome to. This must NOT be chocolate, sweets or crisps and MUST NOT contain nuts. Processed meat products are also not considered to be healthy snacks.

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 this term are on **Wednesday 14th January and Wednesday 28th January**.

Please do not hesitate to speak with myself or Mrs Simpson after school about any concerns or queries.

Mrs Serle ☺

