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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and a Happy New Year; we hope you enjoyed a restful holiday.

This letter serves as a reminder of some of the routines we have in place which we hope you find useful. Please do come and chat with us if you have any questions. We will send out more bits and pieces as they arise over the term. With this letter we are also sending out the theme overview for each class.

Once again, the children have settled brilliantly well back into school and are working hard and with great enthusiasm.

The timetable for lessons and activities such as P.E. remains unchanged from last term. Could we please ask that children have the appropriate P.E. kit in school - worn to school on Tuesdays and brought to school on Fridays; this is especially true of footwear. It helps us enormously if kit is named and means we can get clothing back to you when it does become separated from a P.E. bag!

Please could all children have a water bottle in school all week, many thanks. This is really important as we do not have many spare bottles in school. Children may get a drink at any time, and have their bottle at their table if they wish. If you forget to bring one please let us know and we will find a cup for them.

Please make sure your child has a suitable snack for break time -no chocolate, biscuits or crisps at all please. We will ask children to put these away if we see them. Other healthy snacks or fruit or vegetables are fine.

Reading at home is an essential part of your child's education. We encourage you to read with your child as many times in a week as you can. Please write a comment or sign in your child's reading diary when you have read with them and to what page in the book and we will do the same. Reading books and diaries will be coming home with the children in plastic wallets to keep them safe. Please check your child's book bag regularly. The number of 'reads' are counted up and when a child achieves 40 reads (e.g. reading sessions where an adult has signed their book) then they get a certificate.

If you need new books sooner than we get to them, please come and see us. If we've missed changing your books for some reason we are happy for you to remind us! We support children to choose their own books from a particular colour band please bear with us if you have repeated books - or come and ask for a swap, though children usually remember pretty well.

We are continuing to use the 'Spelling Shed' resource which is aligned with the National Curriculum. Children will have a weekly sheet with words to practise. One the reverse side will be a game to play or problem to solve linked to their spellings. **Spelling tests will take place on a Friday morning** and spelling folders need to be in school on that day so that new spellings can be added. Thank you.

We are all looking forward to the term ahead - we have lots of exciting things planned - watch this space!

Finally please remember our door is always open if you have any questions or concerns or even if you just want to catch up with us (we like the odd positive comment too!).

Kind regards

Mrs Barron, Mr Ringer, Mr Tylour, Mrs George, Mrs Fielder and Mr King



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