

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday and managed to spend some quality time with loved ones. It's always great to be able to recharge the batteries whilst tucking into delicious food and drinks!

At the end of the last term, we were blown away by the fabulous costumes supplied and the continued support from you all, to enhance the children's Nativity performance. I'm sure you will agree, it was excellent and the children simply sparkled on stage. Your support and time given towards ensuring the children have any additional items for learning opportunities, is greatly appreciated- thank you!

The children have returned to school with big smiles, exciting news to share and enthusiasm for the new term. During our first week back, we have adjusted to new classroom routines, whilst continuing to follow the school rules and maintain high expectations towards learning. Specific details for our next topic can be found in the Curriculum Overview, linked to the whole school topic of 'Journeys'.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or another member of the team. We shall be on the playground daily at the beginning and end of the school day. Appointments can also be made via Mrs Beard, in the school office.

Best Wishes,

Miss E Castle and the Year 1 Teaching Team

### Welcome Mrs Green!

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Green to our Year 1 teaching team. Mrs Green will be the HLTA teaching the children on Monday afternoons, whilst Miss Castle is out of class on PPA.

### Homework

- Daily Reading
- Weekly spellings with a specific phonics focus (not tested as a formal spelling test)
- Weekly Maths, Writing or Reading Comprehension.

Homework and spellings will be handed out on a Friday and handed back in by the following Thursday.

### Physical Education

Weather permitting, PE will be taught outside. Therefore, please ensure children have a warm outside school kit. Please ensure your child has their **named** full kit in school **each day** as timetables need to change from time to time. All long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.

### Curriculum Info

In addition to our main topic learning, some subjects need to be taught discretely (not always making direct links to the topic). This term we will also be covering:

- Phonics & Reading** - taught daily
- Maths** - Addition & Subtraction/ Shape/ Measures
- Science**- Animals, including humans
- RE**- Talking about God
- PSHE**- Healthy and Safer Lifestyles
- PE**- Real P.E and Multi-Skills
- Computing** - Turtle Logo/ Programming
- Music** - using voices & body percussion

### Reading & Phonics

Daily reading at home and practising high frequency words and phonics is a vital part of homework for KS1 children. Please try to read **every day** with your child and record this in their reading record. Children will only change their books if it has been signed. Children are also encouraged to choose and change their book independently. Thank you.