



## Year 1 Spring Term 2023

January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term of Year 1. We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and are all looking forward to the exciting new year ahead.

Here are some reminders and information about Year 1.

### Children's Learning:

#### Learning Challenge Curriculum

Our topic this half term is focused on Geography, and the key learning question is "Why can't meerkats live at the North Pole?" The curriculum overview has been attached and outlines how we will look at this key question through the different subject areas. If your child has anything that they would like to share that is related to this topic please let me know as we would love to share this in class.

### Homework

This term I will start to send spellings home each Friday, they will be our year one common exception words. We will also practice these words in class, but please help your child to learn these words at home if at all possible. Each Friday we will be doing a spelling test so I am able to track how the children are doing with the tricky words.

### Reading

We encourage daily reading as part of the children's homework and to develop their love of reading. We will be checking their reading diaries daily to see how they are getting on at home. We encourage the children to read their book 2 or 3 times to ensure they are really understanding the text. Please make sure that you fill in your child's reading diary each time you hear them read so we can see how they are getting on at home. We have also been sending home 'Reading for Pleasure' books. These will be changed every week too. These books can be read by anyone and is just to encourage the children to read a range of books. If the children could bring both books in with them everyday that would be appreciated as it makes it possible for us to change their books whenever we have time to in the week.

### Outdoor learning

This will be with Mrs Kerr on a **Thursday** mornings. Please ensure that children have appropriate footwear and clothing as they may get wet and muddy. We also ask that the

children have clothes that cover their arms and legs to help protect them whilst they are in the forest school.

## Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and appropriate black school shoes.

PE will be on a **Tuesday** as normal. For this half term we will also be having PE lessons on a **Wednesday** with Devon Cricket so on these days can you ensure your child comes in to school wearing their full PE kit, suitable for the weather that day. These cricket lessons will be our second PE session for the week instead of Fridays.

Please ensure that all clothes are clearly named with your child's name and as the weather has now become more unpredictable can you make sure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.

## Water bottles

Please make sure all children are bringing in a named water bottle that we can then encourage the children to refill through the day.

## Snack time

We are provided with fruit and vegetables for break time snacks. If children wish to bring in their own snacks they may do so but this must be a healthy choice and we are asking this to be only fruit or vegetables.

## Show and tell

This will be on a Friday starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. Each week it will be a different house colour that will be chosen to bring in a small show and tell to share with the class.

6<sup>th</sup> January – Buttercup

13<sup>th</sup> January – Bluebell

20<sup>th</sup> January – Clover

27<sup>th</sup> January – Poppy

Then we will rotate round again.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me or make an appointment to chat to me.

Here is to a fantastic term!

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
Ms Wildgoose