



Wednesday 8th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of term 2. We hope that you have all managed to have a fun, but restful, half term break.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, Miss Walsh has been unwell for much of last term and therefore was unable to be at school. We have been very lucky to have Mrs Taylor supporting our class during much of this time. She will continue to be in our class until Miss Walsh is fit enough to return.

Many of the routines remain the same this term.

Phonics continues to be a priority for us, as it underpins the children's reading and writing. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read as frequently as possible. Daily would be fantastic!! Also talking to your child about the phonics sheets that they bring home twice a week, reinforces their learning at school. Please ensure your child's bookbag with their reading books and home school diary is signed, in school **every day**. We have a number of reading volunteers who come into our class to listen to children read individually, so individual books are needed.

Homework books were sent home in your child's bookbag before half term and the first spelling test will be on Friday 10th November. Please do ensure your child's homework book is in school **every Friday**, so that they can do their spelling test and new spellings can be added to their books.

Our PE days will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Please can I remind you that the children are expected to wear their coloured house t-shirt (these can be purchased for £2 from the school office if a replacement is required), black shorts or joggers and their school jumper along with trainers.

Every Thursday afternoon, Mrs Kimber will teach the children, as this is my planning afternoon. She will be taking over the teaching of PSHE, computing and music

Please see the attached termly overview letter, which explains what your child is learning this term.

Many thanks for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo or after school in person, if you have any questions.

Mrs Emma Roper
Year 1 Class Teacher

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