



January 2024

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you and the children have had a lovely break and are now refreshed and ready for a new year.

Many of the routines remain the same this term, but with an exciting addition!

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 and 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.

New spellings will be put in your child's homework book on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Please do help your child practise these words at home, a couple of words a night stops it feeling too daunting. Please ensure your child's homework book is in school **every Friday**.

Our PE days will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Please can I remind you that the children should come into school in their PE kit.

On Thursday mornings, we will be going to Forest School at Cheltenham College. This is a very exciting opportunity for the class and we hope to go weekly for the spring term. A letter will follow in the next couple of days.

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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