

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back!

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everyone had a happy and peaceful Christmas period. I enjoyed celebrating with my family and spending lots of time walking the doggies on the beach and on very muddy paths. I'd like to take this opportunity again to thank you for lovely my Christmas gifts- my house has smelt lovely, my feet have been warm and very funky whilst I have enjoyed Japanese refreshments in the evening.

PE

Our PE days will continue to be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Indoor PE on Tuesday and Outdoor with NUFC on Thursday.

Homework

The children have a half termly Homework Challenge sheet. They can choose different challenges to do each week. There will be a variety of challenges from going for a walk to creating artwork. It would be wonderful to see the end product either in actual form or as a picture. These will be displayed on our Homework board.

Spellings

Spellings are part of our Little Wandle Phonics sessions and are tested throughout the week as well as in a mini test on a Friday.

Reading

Thank you all for engaging in our new phonics scheme at home. Thanks to the hard work of the PTFA we have been able to buy the physical books we are reading in school. These will be in school very soon and as soon as I have sorted and labelled them they will be coming home. We will continue to use the online books until the physical books are processed.

The children will continue to bring home a library book from our class library to enjoy. Library books will be changed on a Friday.

Spring term Literacy

Throughout the term we link high quality literature to the different areas of the curriculum we are learning.

We will be writing stories, listening to and learning different poems and writing instructions.

Key texts we will be using this term are Funny Bones and Where the Wild things are.

Spring term Maths

Across this term we will be focusing on Place Value and Addition & Subtraction to 20. We will be using the basic skills the children acquired last term and building on these. The children will be given increasingly challenging concepts as we work through the year.

Spring Term Topics

Term 2A- Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones

The focus of this will be looking at the amazing work of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, looking at animals including humans and how they are the same and different whilst learning how to be healthy.

Term 2B- My World Your World

Come and join us in class!

If you or someone you know works in medicine (either humans or animals) and would be willing to come into school to talk to us about your job-that would be AMAZING! Please see me or email the office.

Kind regards,

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