



Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break. We are delighted to welcome the children back and begin another exciting term of learning.

This letter will give you a brief overview of some of the key information for this term, including the trips and events that are coming up.

Start of the Day

We encourage the children to be responsible for their own belongings and organisation and greatly appreciate your support with this. If you need to pass on important messages to your teacher, please see us in the morning or after school. Alternatively, you can call the office and we will get in contact with you as soon as possible or speak to a senior teacher on the school gate.

PE Days

Children will continue to **come to school** in full PE kit on their PE days. Thank you for your efforts with this - very few children have forgotten their kits so far! Please make sure to dress appropriately for the weather, wearing joggers and a jumper where needed. A light waterproof coat may also be a good idea on some days, as we will be keen to get outside.

BPH – Thursday and Friday

AWE – Thursday and Friday

LWA – Wednesday and Friday

HCA – Tuesday and Friday

Forest School

Please send your child into school with waterproofs (or old clothes) and wellies in a named bag for them to change into on Forest School days.

BPH – No Forest School this term

AWE – Tuesday

LWA – Monday

HCA - No Forest School this term

Topic and Trips

This term our topic is driven by the enquiry question, 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?' This is a RE based topic in which the children will think about what a religion is, what a belief is and where their own beliefs come from. We will then explore why the world is not always a good place. We will then delve deeper into the lives of key individuals both recent and throughout history who have changed the world before finally thinking about how they themselves can change the world. As part of this learning we are going to have a visit from a member of our local church.

We are hoping to arrange a visit to We are the Curious in Bristol to support our science learning this term. It is *estimated* that the cost will be around £17 per child. We will send further details out about this nearer the time.

Library Books

Thank you for your support with keeping the library and classroom books safe and well cared for. The children love their visits to the library and take a real pleasure in choosing their next book!

Home Learning Reading

It is expected that children read out loud **every day**. This is essential as it develops their accuracy, fluency and confidence in reading aloud. It is also a fabulous chance to question them on what they have read - a key skill for reading!

We will continue to set home learning on Google Classroom. This homework will also be available as a paper copy for those children who do not have access to a device or Google Classroom at home. Home learning will be set on a Friday, with an expectation that it is completed by the following Wednesday.

We look forward to a new year and thank you in advance for all your support. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Year 3 and 4 Team

Miss Phillips, Miss Wedlake, Miss Wardell, Mrs Slaney and Miss Jackson