



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!

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.

AJA – Tuesday and Wednesday

BPH – Monday and Friday

AWE – Monday and Friday

CDI – Monday and Tuesday

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.

AJA – Tuesday

BPH – Tuesday

AWE – Wednesday

CDI - Wednesday

Topic and Trips

This term our topic is driven by the enquiry question, 'Why do people choose to live in cities?' This is a Geography based topic in which the children will think about the human geography side focusing on different types of settlements and cities in particular. The children will think about what a city is, what makes up a city and why people choose to or choose not to live in cities. We will focus this around a case study looking at Bristol in more depth. As part of this learning, we are hoping to visit Bristol to put our learning in context.

We are also hoping to have a visit from the Sciencedipity to support the Year 3 and 4's with their science units this term. We are trying to keep costs to a minimum and it is estimated that the cost for both events will be around £17.50 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

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 in their home learning books. The home learning will have a focus on a times table for that week, some hooking back to what they have done in their maths lessons each week and some key spellings to practice. Home learning will be set on a Friday, with an expectation that it is completed by the following Wednesday. We will then go through the home work each week in class before the Friday.

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

Year 3 and 4 Team

Miss Phillips, Miss Jackson, Miss Wedlake and Miss Ditchfield