



We are very pleased with how the children have returned to school after the Christmas Break and we are looking forward to another half term of fantastic learning!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see us! We look forward to working with you and your children.

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Nelson.

This term our main priority is making sure that all children are settled in and enjoying school. The children will know what the expectations are for Year 1. We expect every child to be the best version of themselves and their behaviour to meet the high standards of **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**. Our classroom will be a challenging place for children to grow as learners, where they are happy to have a go and know we learn from mistakes.

Our learning this Half Term

This half term our History topic is "What were toys like in the past?" The children will be exploring toys from the past and present, and will be asked to bring some toys in to share. Of course, we will look after these but please ensure these are toys that are not breakable or sentimental.

New Reading challenge

Remember reading at home plays a vital role in developing your child's reading. Do they read at home at least 5 times a week and record this in their diary? If so, they could be chosen as a class reading star. Children will be given a special ticket, which will be placed in a reading hat. Every two weeks, ticket will be selected at random and those children will enjoy a special treat with Miss Watson or Mrs Jackson.

Parents Evening

Parent Evening is scheduled for this half term and will take place WC 7th February. A letter will be sent out with more details nearer the time.

PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure children come to school in their PE kits on these days. The kit consists of plimsolls or trainers, black shorts and a white t-shirt.

Reading, Spellings and Homework Reminder

Remember reading at home plays a vital role in developing your child's learning and can have a massive impact on their progress in school. Please read with your child **every night**.

Please remember to bring reading books and diaries **everyday** and return your 100 books on **Fridays**.

Homework is given out on **Thursday** and should be returned no later than the following **Tuesday**.

The children are given spellings to learn on a **Monday**. Please help your child to learn these before their spelling tests on **Fridays**.

Please remember to access Timetable Rock stars at home on your laptops and tablets. Logins are in reading diaries.

PSHE

This half term our learning in PSHE will be 'Changing me'. The children will discuss how things around us change and also how our bodies grow. This will involve discussing different body part and some of the ways we change. As in previous PSHE sessions we will talk about how the classroom is a safe place for discussions and how to be respectable to others in the class. The focus of the unit will be to cope positively with change. If you have questions about this topic, please see RSHE policy letter on the school website.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- Please make sure **names** are in **all** items of uniform.
- Please only fill water bottles with **water** and not juice.
- Remember to pay for **Tuck** for the week on a **Monday**.