

Year 1 Spring Term

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term, we hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break!

Children's Learning:

In **English** this term we will be exploring the text 'Meerkat Mail' and using this to write our own descriptive postcards.

In **Maths** we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths units. This will cover place value, shape, addition and subtraction, length and height and reading and writing numbers to 20 in numerals and words. This is something you can also work on at home with your child.

Learning Challenge Curriculum (LCC): During the first half of term, we are focusing on a Geography topic based around the question 'Why can't Meercats live in the North pole?' We will look at various habitats and how animals adapt to their environment. During the second half of the Spring term we will be doing a science-based question 'How are humans different to tigers?' Look out for the occasional home learning task!

Spellings: Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Tuesday and be tested the following Tuesday. Please keep their spelling books at home so they can practice a little everyday and remember to bring it in the following week to have their new ones stuck in.

Reading: We would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's reading at home. The children will continue to have weekly guided reading sessions in school and will change their two independent reading books on a Friday. We are sharing texts daily with the children, the children love to listen to stories and find out facts and they love to read to each other.

Uniform & P.E Kit: Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform and appropriate black school shoes. Please can they wear their P.E kit to school on a Wednesday and Thursday for both classes.

Named water bottles: During school hours we will continue to remind children to drink plenty of water. We encourage all children to bring a named bottle containing **water** so they can easily access water throughout the day.

Snack time: We are providing toast for those who have paid in advance via ParentPay and will provide fruit for morning and afternoon snack. If they chose to bring in their own snacks we would encourage children to bring in healthy snacks to eat.

Lunch options: As you can appreciate with free school dinners being available to all children in KS1, it can take a long time to decide what the children are having for their lunch option. Please read through the menu at home so the children have an idea of what they want and so you can check that they will like that option. Children will then be able to choose their own lunch in the morning.

Sickness: We would like to remind you that if your child is off school due to sickness, they must not return to school for 48 hours. If your child is showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 please do not send them into school and get a PCR test.

Medication: The school can only administer prescribed medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed form. Any other medication will need to be administered by parents/guardians.

Trips/Extra curricular Please remember the Year One dates for swimming are January 5th, 12th and 19th. We will be looking to organise a trip this term to support our learning in class so please keep an eye out on your ParentPay emails for any updates.

We value your continued support with your children's learning. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher

Many Thanks

Mrs Davies, Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Kirk