

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and are well rested.

Curriculum

Our *overview* will give you an idea about the learning that will take place over this term. Please be aware that this is flexible in response to the children's interests and ideas. The class pages of our website has further details, including the Statutory Word List, spelling details, the class reading spine, termly knowledge organisers for maths and writing expectations.

Please note that this term we will start our new class text, *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. We do have copies of the text in school, but if you are looking for a gift for your child, they do always enjoy having their own. In one of our writing topics we will be using our previous reading text, Charles Darwin's *On The Origin Of Species* by Sabena Radeva, so if your child has their own copy, they may wish to continue bringing it to school. This beautiful non-fiction book complements our upcoming science topic on evolution and inheritance.



P.E.

Lessons will continue to be on alternate **Wednesdays** and each **Friday**. On these days, children should come to school in their PE kit. We recommend that children wear joggers or leggings as the weather remains cold. Similarly, they should bring a *coat* as we will still be doing PE outside. As we still want children to look smart, we encourage plain clothing without branding other than the school logo.

Forest School

Forest School will happen on alternate **Wednesdays** with the first session of the term on the 15th January. Please remember that children will need appropriate outdoor shoes and a waterproof to wear.

Break Time

We will continue to use the field and nature zone this term. As it may be muddy, children should bring in separate outdoor shoes to change into if they wish to play in these zones.

Homework

At home, you can help by continuing to listen to your child *read every day* and taking time to ask them questions about what they have read. Children that share books and book talk at home make significantly more progress

than those who don't. Children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes daily. Additionally, we ask that children practice their maths, times tables, English and spelling for 20 minutes each per week, using our new platform Doodle. If you are looking for some additional maths practice at home, please try this website: [SATS - Key Stage 2 Arithmetic \(mathsbot.com\)](https://www.mathsbot.com). It automatically generates KS2 SATs style arithmetic papers which can be printed or completed online.

Dates for your diary

Week 1 - Look Who's Talking Class Heats

Week 2 - Look Who's Talking Key Stage Heats

20th Jan - Schoolbeat visit from PC Davis

13th Feb - Magistrate visit

Please do look out for other dates that will undoubtedly appear in the newsletter or by email. If you have any queries, please do speak to one of us.

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