

January 2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope your child has enjoyed the first couple of weeks of the spring term. It has been lovely to see the children playing and having fun with their friends.

Over the course of this term, your child will explore a range of exciting topics:

### **First Half of Spring Term**

- **Celebrations** – We'll start by learning about New Year celebrations around the world. Later, we'll focus on the Lunar New Year, which falls in February. This year is the Year of the Horse! We'll learn about China, its location, and its culture.
- **Space** – Linked to Lunar New Year, we'll explore the solar system, why we have seasons, how they affect our clothing, and their impact on living things such as deciduous trees.
- **Superheroes** – Our focus book is *Juniper Jupiter* by Lizzy Stewart. We'll read the story, write sentences inspired by it, and retell the story by the end of the half term.

We'll also work on perfecting lowercase letter formation and begin forming numbers later this half term. If you'd like to practise at home, Little Wandle provides helpful resources at <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. You'll also find the sounds your child will learn this term, which is useful if they mention 'digraphs' or 'trigraphs'.

Mrs Bradley and I are really impressed with the children's reading progress! Please keep listening to your child read their Little Wandle book each week and enjoy the sharing books they bring home.

### **Second Half of Spring Term**

We'll learn about **community**—what it means and the communities we belong to. I hope to take the children on a local walk to map the area and visit points of interest. I'll also try to arrange a visit to the local fire or police station and will share details if this becomes possible.

Linked to this topic, we'll read *Martha Maps It Out* by Leigh Hodgkinson and create maps of our local area. It promises to be lots of fun!

For more details, please check the curriculum map on the class page of the school website.

Thank you for your wonderful support during the first half term. It helped your child settle quickly, make friends, and enjoy school life.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's learning, please speak to me after school or email me at [gharley@stannesfulshaw.net](mailto:gharley@stannesfulshaw.net)

**Best wishes,**

Mr Harley and the Oak Class Team