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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the spring term and a happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and have enjoyed the festivities. We have an exciting term ahead of us and are looking forward to all that it brings!

Spring Term in Woodpecker Class



“Prehistoric life”

We are looking forward to an exciting term investigating dinosaurs and habitats in science. In history and Geography, we will begin by looking at significant people from the past and exploring where dinosaurs lived. The children have already been asking lots of questions and sharing what they know about prehistoric life. Further details are outlined in the curriculum topic chart attached. I hope you agree that this is going to be a really inspiring term!

If you have anything that may be of interest for our studies, please let us know.

Reading

Children can change their reading books when required, choosing any book from their book band colour (on the library shelves). There are also opportunities to read in class and to change books during most days. New books should be recorded in the reading record book kept in your child's book bag. Please continue to add comments about your child's reading in the reading record book. Children are expected to read at home to an adult every day if possible for about 15 minutes.

Home learning

Spellings will continue to run on a weekly basis and be tested on a Friday. We will check them regularly in class too. Thanks for supporting us with this.

Project Work

Please find attached a Home Learning grid detailing suggested activities that you may wish to complete at home. Once these are complete please bring in to school where we can celebrate and enjoy the children's work. We ask that children complete one piece of home learning from this grid a term.

Math's home learning will be Mathletics and practicing Math's Passports every week.

PE Kit Reminder

PE kits need to be in school **every day**. Please check that your child has the correct, **labelled** kit in school (i.e. navy shorts, white t-shirt, daps and socks). For outdoor PE children will need suitable footwear and black or navy tracksuit/jogging trousers and a warm fleece/sweatshirt.

Water bottles

Please send a **named** water bottle to school each day. Children may refill their bottles from the water fountain in the shared area outside of the classroom.

Helping in school.

As always, we really welcome offers of help in the classroom, particularly in the afternoons and to listen to children read or to help and supervise their use of the computers. If you think you can spare half an hour or more then please come and talk with us. Also, there are other jobs such as gardening or tidying/organising the library that you may wish to volunteer for.

Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Liddiard and Mrs. Artus