



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to start by saying Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have all had a fantastic holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead, with lots of exciting things planned.

Reading:

Children must continue to practise their reading at least three times each week. We are asking parents to ensure you write a comment in their reading record each time they read, which allows us to monitor and reward their reading. In addition to this, please make sure both reading books and records are brought to school daily. Reading should be an enjoyable activity for both yourself and your child, so we would like you to continue your hard work encouraging your child to read frequently.

Spellings:

Spellings will continue to be given on a Monday and will be stapled into the children's reading record. Throughout the week we will be looking at their spellings every day during phonic sessions and children will still be tested on a Friday. Last term you all showed a great approach to learning spellings, so please continue this hard work. High frequency words will also be practised every day during school time, so please also encourage your child to try their very best in applying these when writing.

Times tables:

Children are asked to learn their times tables as these do help children with mental and written calculations in maths throughout school. Any practice and support with this at home is hugely welcomed, as times tables and number fact knowledge will form the basis of number as they progress through school. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know times the table facts for all 12 times tables if possible. We have been learning 2,5,10's during Autumn term and will begin to look at 3,4,6's in addition to this during this term.

Topic and trips:

Our English topic this term is following a whole school focus on witches and wizards. The SLC will be working with the book 'The Wizard of Oz' by Frank Baum. This book is a favourite of many and will support the children with their imagination as they delve into a magical fantasy adventure. In Science this term, we are looking at Animals including Humans as well as Living things and Habitats. I am looking at arranging a trip this term to look at different animals and their habitats so will keep you posted about this.

As it was a huge success in autumn term, we are planning to continue with lots of cooking and hands on learning. It has been very enjoyable for the children and has had a great impact on their learning.

PE:

We would like to remind you that PE kits need be brought in to school and left on the child's peg for the half term which saves the children forgetting it on a weekly basis. PE will take place on a Friday for all children in the SLC, however Year 6 will have additional PE on a Monday, Year 4 also on a Monday and Year 3 will be swimming on Monday afternoons. PE will be outside if possible (weather permitting). A reminder that all jewellery should be removed on PE days, suitable clothing worn (black shorts and white t-shirt) and plimsolls/trainers for outdoor lessons.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with us.

Thank you,

Miss Kendall, Mrs Treloar and Miss Hood