



Spring Term Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring term! We hope you had a very wonderful Christmas and New Year! The children have loved telling us all about your adventures over the festive period, it has been lovely to see how happy they have been coming back. We are really proud of how they have come back eager to learn and full of excitement. Thank you for the gifts and cards we received at the end of last term, it was very kind and we're very grateful.

As you are aware Robin's class have a new teacher on Monday and Tuesdays, Mrs Hooper. She had a lovely first day on Tuesday and the children and parents made her feel very welcome. We're really glad she has joined our class. Mrs Bramley will continue to be the class teacher Wednesday to Friday and Mrs Wickens and Mrs Bromfield will be in Robin's class every day.

This term our big question is '**What journeys do the characters in our story books go on?**' The children's learning will revolve around this question and we will do lots of exciting work in relation to this. We have attached an overview to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term. The children have shown a great interest in this topic as we have introduced it this week so I'm sure that we'll get lots of creative ideas and super learning from it. Our class book at the start of this half term is '**The snail and the Whale**', there is a lovely animation of this story on BBC iplayer at the moment if you'd like to watch it together as a family at home and discuss the story. The children have loved watching it in instalments over the week. On Tapestry we have asked for you to share any photos relating to our topic so that we can talk about the children's experiences at home, in school. Please look at the post for further information on this.

Last term we had lots of lovely observations on Tapestry from you at home, these were fantastic and we loved seeing them in school, please continue to share your lovely experiences from home as it is wonderful to see them.

ALL of Robin's class (Year ones and Reception) will have PE on **Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoon**. Please can children come to school dressed in their PE kits and trainers. As I'm sure you've noticed the weather has turned very cold, children need a coat in school every day (and preferably hats and gloves too).

We are so pleased with how well children are doing with their home reading, thank you so much to all the grownups at home who have been supporting them with this. Books will now be changed on a Monday or Tuesday but please can your child bring their bookbag into school each day. Reading at home really helps children's reading development and creates a love of reading from an early age; so we are so thankful to all the adults who are reading at home with their child, keep up the great work! If you have any questions about home reading then please catch an adult in school to ask, we are more than happy to help and offer advice.)

We are really excited about the new year ahead. Thank you for your continued support, we do really appreciate it.

Mrs Bramley, Mrs Hooper and the Robin's Team.

