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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our second term, we hope you enjoyed the break. This term we have a new big question to focus on, 'What makes the fantasy genre special?' This term our history topic is about Florence Nightingale. We will be exploring the question, 'Why do we remember Florence Nightingale and what did she achieve?'. We will also be finding out about and making comparisons between Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In science, we will be finding out about seasonal change, identifying key changes and conducting our own rainfall investigation. Please see the curriculum web and knowledge organiser for this term to see other areas of learning we will be doing. The children will also have independent 'Explore and learn' time to consolidate and further stretch their learning. We have a range of exciting and inspiring areas including small world, construction, art, role-play and an inviting reading corner.

Reading and English

We will first explore the text 'Jim and the beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs. We will create our own sequel to the original text. We will then explore different versions of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In this unit we will create wanted posters, write informal letters and compare the different texts.

In Phonics, Year 1 will continue to learn Level 5 sounds starting with the short vowel sounds (a, e, i, o and u) this week. Year 2 will continue to learn the more uncommon graphemes and apply adding suffixes to a range of root words.

Reading books will continue to be changed each Friday. Please record all reading,

including additional books you may share into your child's record. Please ensure this is in school **every day** as children read with an adult throughout the week.

Reading books and spellings

Reading books will be changed each Friday. Each child has been given a book linked to the phonics scheme and the sounds we are learning. Year 1 children are beginning to learn Level 5 sounds and Year 2 are consolidating their phonics knowledge by looking closely at different spelling patterns. Reading is to be recorded in the children's reading record. This can be a note of the book read but also include any comments or questions you may have. The book and reading record should be in school **every day** as the children will be asked to read to an adult throughout the week. Year 2 will continue weekly reading fluency sessions beginning with 'Oi get off our train' by John Burningham.

Spelling bookmarks of the sound/s of the week will be sent home **Friday** to be assessed the following Friday, please ensure **pink books are in on Friday**. Year 2 additionally have their spelling fish at home to practise their common exception words. Although we will not reassess until February, practising these regularly will help with spelling accuracy in their writing.

Maths

Year 1

Year 1 will begin this term by looking at place value and the structure of numbers to 100. We will then move onto looking at number bonds of 7 to 11 before finishing the term by looking at 3D shapes.

Year 2

Year 2 will begin this term by looking at subtraction before moving onto multiplication through arrays and division through sharing and grouping. We will finish the term by looking at turns, movements and patterns. Children will be coming home with their TTRS login to practise their multiplication facts. I will first set the 2x table to practise before adding additional facts as we cover them within class.

P.E.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday (Year 2). **Please can children wear their full P.E. kit to school every Tuesday and Friday.** Please note that no jewellery is to be worn during P.E. and earrings should be removed before the lesson or will have to be covered with medical tape. Also, long hair will need to be tied back on PE days, so it might be worthwhile having a couple of spare hairbands in their bag just in case.

Forest school

Year 1 children will be going to forest school **each Friday. Please ensure on Friday children have wellies in school to wear.** Wellies can be left in school.

Christmas

With Christmas quickly coming upon us, we have planned lots of fun Christmas activities including the nativity. This year we will be performing 'The Inn Crowd'. Children have now received their scripts to practise at home. Please ensure these are put back into book wallets as we will be practising in small groups daily. Costumes need to be in school **by Friday 22nd November**. Any questions regarding the nativity or costumes please let me know.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10 th December	2pm – Nativity – Willow & Maple
Wednesday 11 th December	Whole School Panto
Thursday 12 th December	2pm – Nativity – Willow & Maple
Thursday 19 th December	Last day of term.

A few reminders:

- Please ensure **all** clothing is named.
- The children need to bring fresh water to school each day in a named water bottle.
- Please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather as we complete the daily mile and use the outdoor area daily, this includes sunhats, raincoats, winter hats etc. We will try and get outdoors as much as possible, whatever the weather!

I hope this answers questions you may have, please ask if you have any other questions.

Many thanks,

Miss Jackson and Mrs Gardener