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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term and a new year! We hope you all had a lovely festive break and want to say another ‘thank you’ for the generous and thoughtful gifts we received from you all.

Our new big question this term is ‘What makes a hero?’ and through this we will be looking at the text ‘Send for a superhero’ by Michael Rosen and Katherine McEwan. We will be creating our own villains, creating wanted posters and innovating the text to create our own hero story set in our own school. We will be looking closely at our local area in Geography to compare Ampney Crucis to Shanghai identifying similarities and differences between both human and physical features. Linked to this, in Art we will be creating our own landscapes and cityscapes inspired by impressionists. In Science, we will look at how materials can be changed and modified leading to a final investigation about what material makes the best costume for a superhero. During explore and learn the children will have the opportunity to explore heroes around us and look at a wide range of jobs. Our role play area will be a travel agents this term where the children will have opportunities to book holidays, complete map work and even create their own passport to board our own in class plane.

At the beginning of our Geography topic we will be completing some fieldwork in the local area in the afternoon of **Monday 13th January**. Please ensure children where weather appropriate clothing and footwear on this day.

We will be having a whole school Literacy Festival day on **Tuesday 28th January** when local authors will be coming into school to give workshops to the children. We hope this

will inspire the children to develop a further love of reading and stories. In class we have begun to read Unipiggle the Unicorn Pig by Hannah Shaw ready for her visit.

Reading and Writing

Year 1 will continue learning their level 5 sounds this term beginning with y making the /ee/ sound this week. Year 2 children will continue to learn Level 6 sounds and spelling rules this term beginning with /ture/. In addition to Phonics sessions all children are having focused common exception sessions to support accurate spelling and retention of CEWs. Y2 children during this term will be assessed against all Y1/2 CEW at the end of term. Please continue to practise using their spelling fish at home. Year 2 children will be in reading fluency sessions be reading 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl.

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. 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**.

Maths Year 1

Year 1 will begin this term by looking at partitioning numbers from 11-16. We will also be looking at 3D shapes and length.

Maths Year 2

Year 2 will continue to look at multiplication through arrays and division through sharing and grouping. We will then look at times tables before finishing the term on mass.

P.E.

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday (Year 1). **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. A one-off additional cricket day will be happening on the **8th January**, so please ensure PE kit is worn this day.

Forest school

Year 2 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.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8 th January	Additional Cricket lesson (PM) Please send children in PE kit.
Thursday 9 th January	Science club begins after school for those attending.
Monday 13 th January	Geography fieldwork around Ampney Crucis – please ensure children have wellies in school.
Tuesday 28 th January	Ampney Crucis Literature Festival

- 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!
- Show and tell – this takes place each Friday. Children are welcome to bring objects in to share (these are stored securely) on a Thursday or Friday. Any photos can be emailed to the office to be shared. Please ensure nothing is sent in that is valuable or delicate.
- If someone else is collecting your child at the end of the school day, please ensure you email the office (admin@ampneycrucis.gloucs.sch.uk) even if you have spoken to someone at drop off.
- All children now have logins for Numbots and TTRS. Year 1 are encouraged to use Numbots to support their understanding of number bonds. Year 2 children have been set times tables to practise.

Please ask if you have any questions or queries.

Many thanks,

Miss Jackson and Mrs Gardener