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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term. With Spring on the horizon we are looking forward to spending more time outside in our lovely outdoor area.

Our new big question this term is ‘Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? In English, we will be extending our knowledge of the UK through learning and innovating the text ‘The Queen’s Handbag by Steven Antony. We will use the Talk4Writing approach to learn action and map the text. We will be creating our own version of the story by changing the characters and places visited alongside writing a series of instructions to catch our sneaky creature. We will be revisiting the continents to identify cold and hot places in the world, we will look closely at the equator and key features. In DT we will be creating our own working windmills thinking carefully about design, stability and functionality. In Science, we will be planting lots of plants to understand how seeds become plants, identify parts of trees and plants and know the different between deciduous and evergreen trees. During explore and learn the children will have the opportunity to build on the Geography by looking at the history of different explorers. Our role play area will be an airport this term where the children will have opportunities to create passports, boarding passes, check in and go through security and then board a plane designed by the children. Let’s hope they jet off somewhere warm!

We also have lots to look forward to this term. World Book Day is the 6th March and Science week begins on the 10th March. More details about World Book Day will be shared

by Mrs Mckay. Children are encouraged to come dressed as an adjective for World Book Day.

Reading and Writing

Year 1 will continue learning their level 5 sounds this term beginning with /ph/ making the /f/ sound this week. Year 2 children will continue to learn Level 6 sounds and spelling rules this term beginning with /o/ making /u/. In addition to Phonics sessions all children are having focused common exception sessions to support accurate spelling and retention of CEWs. All children have been assessed against the common exception words and have brought home a common exception mat with words highlighted that can be used to practise at home. We will reassess in June. Year 2 children will be in reading fluency sessions be finishing reading 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl before moving onto 'The boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd.

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 be beginning the term by looking at measurement before moving onto partitioning 17-20. They will finish the term looking at fractions and position and direction.

Maths Year 2

Year 2 will begin by looking at mass and weight before moving onto fractions and then time.

P.E.

PE will be on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday **Please can children wear their full P.E. kit to school every Monday, 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.. This term we will be having additional PE sessions each Tuesday for 5 weeks focusing on multi-sports. This will begin on Tuesday 25th February. As this is a normal PE day for children they will already be in kit. They will continue to have their PE session with Mr W on a Tuesday afternoon. All dates can be found below.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 25 th Feb, 4 th March, 11 th March, 21 st March and 28 th March	Additional Multi-sports sessions. Children in PE kit.
Thursday 6 th March	Science club ends and award given for those attending.
Thursday 6 th March	World Book day (details to follow)
W/C 10 th March	Science Week (details to follow)
Friday 28 th March	Farm trip (details to follow)

- 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. We have talked about as a class about thinking carefully about what we want to share so we feel confident sharing and are able to answer questions.
- 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