



Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you all had a lovely autumnal half-term and got plenty of rest before the business of the Christmas season hits!

Communication

We will continue to use Class Dojo throughout the year for whole class and individual updates. Please do check it regularly. There are many ways of getting in touch with me if needed. Firstly, please use the Home School Contact Books for messages. Secondly, if you wish to arrange a meeting, either speak to me in person or contact the school office (admin3032@welearn365.com). I am always available for a chat. The Messages function on Class Dojo is not the best way of getting in touch so please refrain from using this unless it is urgent.

Topic

Year 1 and 2's new topic is titled, "Why does Father Christmas wear warm clothes?" and is centred on the Polar Regions. We will be learning many geography and science-based objectives. I'm sure the children will enjoy this topic very much!

We are planning to decorate our classroom in an 'Arctic' way and we need your help! Please send in any white material (e.g. blankets/sheets) or white/blue fairy lights that are going spare. We will return them in January. If you have spare white material that can be donated (i.e. NOT returned) please let us know as then we can cut it up or paint on it. Also, if you have any Arctic-themed toys (e.g. penguins, polar bears) please send these in to add to our display. Any items sent in to us need to be named so they can be returned to their rightful owner! Thank you so much for your support with this.

Routines and Expectations

❖ Every Friday, weekly homework is set. For now, that consists of spellings, reading and an English or Maths written task/game. This will help to consolidate what we have learnt that week. Please help your child to complete this homework in a quiet and distraction-free zone. Homework books are due in on a Wednesday, and spelling tests will happen on a Wednesday morning. Home-learning projects, based on our topics, will be set at different times during the year. There will be a home-learning project based on our new topic sent out in the second week. This will take the place of regular homework for three weeks.

❖ Reading books are changed every Wednesday morning. Each child gets a school levelled book and a free choice book. Please make sure these books are returned to school by the following Wednesday to be changed.

❖ PE happens on Wednesdays and Fridays. The weather is definitely colder now but we still go outside as often as we can. Please make sure your child has both an indoor and an outdoor kit.

❖ Outdoor shoes need to be kept in school during the week in a named bag that can be stored on pegs. Already this is having a big impact on the amount of mud being traipsed into the classroom so thank you for your help with this.

Requests

- ❖ Please send a box of tissues into school with your child in order to stem the spread of coughs and colds as much as we can!
- ❖ If your child has any medical needs (e.g. epipens, inhalers, Piriton), please make sure the school has all in-date medication available.
- ❖ Please name every item that your child brings into school. We will be discarding and recycling unnamed lost property at the end of each term.
- ❖ Drinking water throughout the day is so important for a healthy learner. Please send a named water bottle with your child every day.

Dates for this term

Monday 12th November – Library Trip

Tuesday 13th November – Parents' Evening 4:00 – 6:30pm

Thursday 15th November – Parents' Evening 5:00 – 7:30pm

Tuesday 4th December – Infants' Trip to Warwick Arts Centre

Friday 7th December – PTA Disco

Wednesday 12th December – Flu Immunisations

Friday 14th December – Earthworms Party after school

Monday 17th December – Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Nativity Performances 1:45pm and 6:00pm

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 21st December – Infant Christmas Party **(Last Day of School)**

(Monday 7th January – Teacher Training Day)

School doors open at 8:50am. Please make sure your child is in school by 9:00am. In order to aid a smooth transition, please say your goodbyes on the playground and allow your child to enter the school independently. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please pop in and see me,

Miss Bunce

