



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. The children have come back to school raring to go, which is great as Spring Term is often a busy one full of many learning opportunities!

Communication

As always, being able to communicate with myself is very important, and vice versa. Please use the following channels:

- See me at the classroom door!
- Make an appointment to chat for longer if needed (either through the orange books or through Mrs Wilson in the office)
- Write a message in the orange books
- Class Dojo messages for the small stuff (e.g. lost spelling books, questions about upcoming events!)

I like to use Class Dojo for whole class and individual updates. Please do check it regularly to see what we're all up to. I always encourage likes and comments!

Topic

Year 1 and 2 are starting the term with a topic titled 'Why did elephants live in Leamington Spa?' We will be learning about the local history of Royal Leamington Spa along with the significant lives of Samuel Lockhart, Dr Jephson and Queen Victoria. If you want to know more, I'm sure your children will fill you in!

As part of the learning, we will be having a trip to Leamington in a couple of weeks' time. A letter will be sent out very soon with the details and cost.

WOW box

There is a WOW box in our classroom that children can use for any item of which they are particularly proud. However, we ask that these items reflect, and relate to, our current topics and learning. As you can imagine, we have very busy school days and sometimes children will need to wait a few days before they can show their items.

Routines and Expectations

❖ Every Friday, weekly homework is set. This consists of spellings, reading and an English or Maths written task. 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. This term, there will be a science fair project instead of a home-learning topic project.

❖ Reading books will go home every Wednesday. They are changed once a week and each child will get 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. When your child has read, please record this in the orange reading diary, along with a simple comment if time.

❖ PE happens on Wednesdays and Fridays. The weather is very cold this term so please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and warm clothing. Indoor PE requires shorts in order to be safe on the gymnastics equipment.

❖ Mrs Nalci will continue to teach the class on a Thursday morning.

Here is a little table summarising key information for a typical Y2 week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Piano lessons	Piano lessons Reading books in to be changed Spelling tests Homework due in Outdoor PE (warm clothes needed!) Fiery Feet and Multi-Sports after-school club	Mrs Nalci teaching AM Steel Pan lessons Football after-school club	Indoor PE (shorts needed) Homework and new spellings handed out Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm

Requests

- ❖ If possible, 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.

Key Dates This Term

w/c 17th January – ‘If the World Were A Village’ Week (RE/Maths/PSHE)

w/c 4th February – Online Safety Week!

Friday 8th February – PTA quiz night

w/c 11th February – Science Week

Tuesday 12th February – Science Dress-Up Day

Friday 15th February – break up for half-term ☺

Monday 25th February – back to school ☺

Tuesday 5th March – Class Photographs

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