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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Spring term! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restive Christmas holiday and enjoyed spending time with your families. Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Docherty and I would like to thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. We would also like to thank you for providing your children with their costumes and helping them learn their lines for our Christmas performance. We were very proud of how brilliantly they performed and we hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did. They were all stars!

Twisted Tales

Windrush class topic for the Spring terms is Twisted Tales. I am very excited by this new topic and look forward to lots of super story telling from the children and hearing their inventive ideas for actions to help them remember the story. As always I will be asking the children for their input to ensure work can be child led wherever possible. I attach a curriculum overview to give you a brief taste of our learning across the curriculum.

50p Weekly Donation

If you are able, we would be very grateful for a 50p per weekly donation. This money helps us to fund cooking, and craft activities as well as fun science experiments, Forest School treats and interesting equipment for one off projects. This money is always spent on something that will directly enhance your child's provision.

Homework

- Please continue supporting your child with spellings and homework tasks, the children do benefit from taking responsibility for their learning when they are away from school but it is important to strike a good balance between work, rest and fun.
- Year 2 children will be given homework tasks which will be handed out on Friday. All homework must be handed in on the following **Wednesday**.
- Spellings are set out in their mission folders and tested weekly. Children are expected to practise their mission words and spellings daily.

- Please ensure you are reading daily with your child. Children are expected to change their own books and aim to write their own comments in their yellow journals. For younger children the adult reading with them should write in the journal.

Swimming – Detailed letter from Mrs. Hunt to follow

We will be continuing our weekly swimming sessions on a Tuesday Morning. These sessions are not only brilliant fun and a vital skill for life; they are a great way to boost confidence and independence in our young children. KS1 is a perfect time to start swimming as children are open to new challenges and learn new physical skills quickly. The children are carefully assessed by our swimming instructors and put into structured ability groups.

Timetable

A copy of our timetable can be found on the school website. The children will have swimming every Tuesday and PE every Friday. Please make sure named PE kits are on pegs at all times. Please ensure children have wellies in school.

Staff

As you may know Mrs Docherty is moving to become Class Teacher in Warwick Class. Although we will miss working with her in Windrush, we look forward to still working with her within the school and wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs Godfrey will continue working with us in the classroom and we will be joined by Mrs Kettle. Mrs Kettle has been working across the school supporting children for some time and we look forward to working with her.

I am sure we will have another super term with the children working at a high standard and enjoying their learning through story telling. As stated previously, in Windrush class we have high expectations for behaviour and strive for a mutually respectful community. We have always managed to build and maintain this ethos through our excellent relationships with parents and carers. Please feel free to approach us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much for the support you give the staff and children it is greatly appreciated and vital to the smooth running of our class.

Best wishes,

Nikki Latton