



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term and the start of a new year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

I wanted to take the opportunity to share some important information with yourselves, including information about the learning which will be happening as well as any other important information you need to know.

This term our topic is called '**To Infinity and Beyond**'. To kick start our topic your child will be participating in a WOW day on the first day back. The children are all invited to dress up as either an astronaut or an alien and will participate in a wide range of activities all about space. Throughout the term we will be exploring all things space. The children will learn about what you can find in the solar system, the history of space travel and how to use a timeline. In Science, we will be exploring different materials and their properties. The children will explore how to make a moving picture using mechanisms such as sliders and pivots. In English we will be exploring different space texts including 'Aliens love Underpants' and 'Whatever Next' where the children will practise using WOW words to describe and create their own space adventure stories.

#### Personal Belongings

Please can you make sure that **everything** (including jumpers, Forest School kit, wellies, PE kits and trainers) are clearly labelled with your child's name so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child.

#### P.E.

Reception children will continue to have their PE lesson every Tuesday and Year 1 will have their PE lessons every Tuesday and Thursday. Your child should bring their P.E. kit into school, where they will get changed into it for our P.E. sessions. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school in order to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school for our first P.E. sessions on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

#### Forest School

Our Forest School sessions were a huge success last term and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring our Forest School area. Our Forest School sessions will commence again this term on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025** and will run every Friday afternoon.

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The weather is getting much colder so please ensure your child's Forest School kit is appropriate for the weather.

Suggested Forest School Kit (Winter)

- Waterproofs
- Hat
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Wellies
- Spare warm socks
- Additional jumper/tracksuit bottoms to go under waterproofs for an extra layer of warmth.

Homework

Each week your child will be set homework. Children will receive a piece of phonics homework based on the learning in the classroom that week and CVC word writing each week. Homework will be set on a Friday and will come home in their homework folder. All homework should be returned to school by the following Friday morning. Your child will be awarded 2 dojo points for completion of homework which is handed in on time.

Reading Books

Just a reminder regarding reading books:

Sharing Book

Your child will change their sharing book on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child brings their sharing book back to school on both of these days so they can be changed.

Phonics Book

Your child will read with their reading teacher on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child will bring their new phonics book home on a Wednesday. Please make sure your child's previous phonics book is in school on the Wednesday morning, so we are able to issue their new one.

Each time your child reads at home, they will receive 2 dojo points.

Little Wandle Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2.30pm, we are holding a phonics workshop for Reception parents. This workshop will focus on Phase 3 Phonics and how you can support your child at home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

King Regards,  
Mrs Walton

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