

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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Welcome back and Happy New Year.

I hope you have had a happy, restful and fun-filled Christmas and New Year! I'm looking forward to this term with the children. They really came a long way last term and very quickly adapted to Year One life. I hope you can see how far they have come, many moving up reading levels rapidly and really being successful in their learning.

Reading this term will consist of the children bringing home two books. One book is their phonics book which, with some guidance they should be able to read. The other book is a reading book to share – you may want to take turns reading or talking about the story with your child.

Please try to spend some time with your child each night looking at a book and practising the sounds in it. The books will be changed once a week and they will be shared with an adult in school. Please bring both books back to school each day.

P.E. will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit, which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers. As the cold weather is still with us, a reminder that children are allowed to bring in black tracksuit bottoms to wear during PE lessons.

Homework will be given out on a Friday which will be due back in by the following Thursday. English Homework will be given out in books and Maths Homework will be on a sheet.

Children will also have weekly spellings from their phonics groups – please bring spelling books to school every Monday.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Bate and Miss Sibley

What are we learning about?

R.E.: Christmas, Jesus, Teacher and Healer, Forgiveness, Lent, Holy Week and Easter

English: Recognising letter sounds. Blending for reading.

Building sentences, basic punctuation.

Cumulative Stories, Recounts and Instructions and an author study

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Multiplication and Measure

Science: Identifying Animals and Identifying Plants

ICT: Data collection and recording

PE: Gymnastics and Ball games – controlling the ball with feet.

Art: Colour Creations and Flying Kites

Geography: Four Seasons

History: Castles

Special days / Dates:

PE – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

Homework – Given on a Friday returned by the following Thursday

Monday 5th February parents evening

Friday 19th January Year One assembly at 9:15am

Class Masses- Tuesday 30th January and Tuesday 19th March

English parent workshop- Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March.

Brilliant in Britain week- WB 29th January

Values for Spring Term:

Compassionate and Loving – before half term

Compassionate: Having sympathy and empathy for other people, thinking about others near and far, especially the less fortunate.

Loving: Showing Christ-like love for all others, even when this is difficult to do, thinking of others, acting with fairness and equality, being just and showing true forgiveness in the ways of Jesus.

Faith-filled and Hopeful after half term

Faith filled – learning to keep our faith and trust in God almighty even when things are difficult or we are challenged.

Hopeful – keeping our faith and believing in hope – the hope and trust that our prayers are heard, god knows us, loves us, hears us and helps us. Having hope in our faith in Lord Jesus Christ