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8th January 2026

Dear all,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely few weeks.

Welcome to Spring 1. This week we have started our new topic Bears. The children have been busy exploring our new topic in the classroom. They have enjoyed playing in our new 'Three Bears Cottage' roleplay, ordering bears by size and discussing their favourite stories involving. We will begin learning all about bears, where they live and what they eat. As we move closer towards the end of the half term, our focus will change to teddy bears. We will discuss our favourite teddy bears and host our own teddy bears' picnic. On Wednesday we had an exciting afternoon threading and weaving string through numicon! We used this to support the development of our threading skills in preparation for making a bookmark later on this term.

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds igh and oa. The children have also been introduced to tricky word 'my'. In maths this week we have focused on 0, exploring how to find, represent and subitise it.

P.E./Forest School: This term our P.E. session will continue to be on a Monday afternoon and Forest School will be on a Friday (starting tomorrow). Just a quick reminder that for indoor P.E the children need plain navy shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps.

Reading at Home: Just a quick reminder to read the school phonics books we send home with your child as much as possible. Daily reading is key in developing confident and fluent readers; it also helps to ensure the children are recapping previously taught sounds and tricky words. Thank you for your support.

Class Assembly: On the last day of term (Friday 13th February) the children in Reception will be performing their class assembly to the whole school. Parents are also invited to come along to watch our performance at 9am. It will be based on our topic learning for this half term; the children are very excited already!

Milk: Once your child turns 5, they are no longer eligible for free school milk. If your child would like to continue having milk at school, you will need to log onto the COOL milk system to set up the payment.

If there are any questions at all, please come and see us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bown

