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Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to continue this school adventure with your child. We are excited to get back to doing some brilliant learning with your child. Please can you join me in welcoming the new Orchard Teaching assistant, Ms Raji, as we said farewell to Mrs Azevedo at the end of last term. Ms Raji is looking forward to working with us this year!

In spring one, our learning will be focusing around the '**Super Scientists**'. This will involve the children doing lots of fun experiments and scientific investigations. In Literacy, we are learning the story '**The Magic Porridge Pot**' to support our writing and in RE will be learning about the '**Creation Story**'. During spring two, our main topic will be '**Capes and Crowns**' our learning will centre around fairytales and superheros, with our literacy focus being on the '**Three Little pigs**'. In RE we will be learning all about **Easter**. We will continue to have a big focus on phonics throughout this term so please support your child with this by continuing to read at home as well as completing the little wandle homework sheets & homework menus.

P.E takes place on Mondays and Fridays. It is essential that your child brings their full PE kit to school on a **Monday** and that it remains in school until Friday when it needs to be taken home for a wash. Please ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts, jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit top as we will still be doing outdoor PE even if it is cold. Make sure any P.E. kit, school uniform and other items are **clearly labelled with your child's name**. Please understand that we cannot keep track of all the items that belong to all the pupils in the class so you labelling their belongings will help them come back to your child quickly if they are misplaced. Please note that for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

Your child will also bring home a reading record and reading book, which we would like them to read each night. We suggest that you listen to your child read *at least* **three times a week**, each time remember to sign their reading record – this will vastly improve their reading and writing skills. Please check the collins E-book system to read the phonics book your child is reading in class. Their logins are in their reading records. Each time your child reads a book, they will receive a sticker. For every 12 books read, including online books, your child will receive a certificate.

We will change the children's reading books once a week. Your child's day is written in their reading books. If you would like us to change their reading book more often, please let us know by writing in the yellow contact books. If your child loses their reading book, they will be asked to bring in £6 to buy a replacement. In the case of a lost reading record there will be a cost of £1 to replace it.

If you have any queries or concerns, please come and speak to us after school. Alternatively, you can write in your child's contact book or make an appointment at the office, if you wish to have a longer or more private discussion.

I look forward to your support while continuing to work with your child and helping them get the most from their second term in school.

Kind regards,
Miss Baptiste and Ms. Raji

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