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PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to what the new year has to bring. We are excited to get back to doing some brilliant learning with your child.

In Spring 1, 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 reading the story '**The Magic Porridge Pot**' to support our writing and in RE will be learning about the '**Creation Story**'. During Spring 2, 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 continue to support your child with this by reading 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 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.

Each week, your child will continue to be issued with a reading for pleasure book, and an online eBook which matches their Phonics learning in school. It is really important that you encourage and support your child in reading the eBook as much as possible each week. This will also inform you as to which level your child is working at in Phonics. The reading for pleasure book is intended for the parent/carer to read to the child to promote a love of reading. Please remember to write in your child's reading record when they have read their eBook or reading for pleasure book so that we can see how they are getting on with their home reading. For every 12 books read, including online eBooks, your child will receive a certificate.

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 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.

Kind regards

Miss Battey and Miss St Marie

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