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Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

We wish you a Happy New Year. We hope you had a restful Christmas holiday. Thank you again for all the gifts and cards we received, we really appreciate them. This is not how we wanted to start a new year, and we would like you to know that we are working very hard to ensure that the high-quality learning continues, despite the difficult and challenging times.

Our topic this term is Mad Scientists and Capes and Crowns (Fairy Tales). We will be covering all areas of learning through this topic; our main focus is scientific investigations. We will be thinking about science and examining how things work. Your child will have the opportunity to explore their local environment and search for information in books and on the Internet. We hope that Forest School and your daily walks to parks and woodland areas will encourage the children to observe animals and habitats and they will inspire children to think scientifically. The discussions about nature will enable your child to learn to use science-based vocabulary purposefully. Children will have the opportunity to explore and carry out investigations and search for information in books/ICT. In the second half term, the children will experience exploring different types of fairy tales. If you have any skills or knowledge that you would like to share with us about our topics please speak to us. A big focus of our Literacy will be Phonics. Please help your child by practising the phonemes (sounds) they are learning in school.

In RE we will be thinking about 'Who made the wonderful world'. We will be exploring the story of Creation from The Bible and be thinking about how we feel about the world in which we live in. New life will also be an area of focus as we approach Easter. We will also be using our Literacy focus to cover areas in Mathematics, Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding of the World.

P.E. takes place twice a week. 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 washing. Please ensure your child has a t-shirt, shorts and jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit. Make sure both PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. The children are responsible for their own clothes. Please note for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

Please support your child with their weekly reading books and sign their reading records. Reading books are changed once a week. Please note the day your child's book gets changed. We encourage you to read frequently with your child to promote a love of reading and support learning in school.

We are always available to speak with you if you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss. Alternatively you can write in your child's contact book or make an appointment at the office. We would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope to continue working alongside you whilst working with your child and helping them get the most from school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eggleston, Mr Lillitos, Miss Thomaidou, Miss Thomas and Mrs Plaha

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