

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the half term break. We have a busy term ahead of us including the excitement of our nativity performance ‘Simply the Nativity’ which we will be doing with Class 2. We will be doing 3 performances: one as a dress rehearsal to the whole school on Monday 2nd December, one to parents and carers on the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd December and then one on Wednesday 4th December in the early evening. Exact times to be confirmed.

On Thursday 12th December – Class R and Class 1 will be having a ‘Christmas Sparkle’ afternoon – come to school in party clothes and expect an afternoon full of Christmas sparkle and magic! More info to follow…

Please see the annual overview for Class 1 which is on the website for further information about this term’s learning.

**Stay and Share** Our stay and share session is on Tuesday 12th November from 2.45 to 3.15. This is an opportunity for your child to show you their books prior to parents evening which is during the week commencing Monday 18th November. You will be notified as to when the booking system goes live.

**Reading** Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child. The books we send home from school are matched to your child’s current reading ability so that they can decode the text, understand what they have read and be able to discuss the book with an adult.

**We expect your child to read at least a couple of pages of their book every day** **and to reread the books they are given.** Please record every time your child reads. **We check reading diaries every day so please make sure your child’s reading book and reading diary are in their bags every day.**

Book change will continue to be on a Monday and 2 books will be given out. We encourage you to re-read each book as this helps build language development, word recognition and fluency.

**PE** Class 1 will continue to have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays and children must come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. All items of PE kit need to be clearly labelled and, as it gets colder, should consist of layers and suitable outdoor footwear.

**Snack and water bottles** Please ensure your child has a **named**, refillable water bottle in school every day.

A fruit snack is provided for your child but if they would like to bring in a healthy snack they are most welcome to. This must NOT be chocolate or sweets and MUST NOT contain nuts.

**Forest School** Forest school clothes (long sleeved tops, trousers/leggings and waterproofs) can be worn to school on Forest School days. Named wellies can either be left in school on the racks outside of the classroom, or brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home again. Our Forest School session this term is on Wednesday 20th November.

**Doodle**

Many of you will have been using Doodle for maths practise last year. Please continue with this if you found it useful. As the year progresses we will add English to your child’s Doodle learning. At this stage of your

child’s school journey I would always prioritise reading over any Doodle learning.

Please do not hesitate to speak with myself or Mrs Simpson after school about any concerns or queries.

Mrs Serle 😊

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Class 1