

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Spring term, I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful break. This term in Year 1 and Year 2 I will continue to teach the children every morning, with a focus on English and Maths. I will be joined every morning by Mrs Coleman.

**Curriculum:**

We have some wonderful experiences planned - our theme for this half term is 'Towers, Turrets and Tunnels'. Each morning starts with handwriting (cursive), followed by a short GoNoodle activity to energise the mind and body. We will then focus on the core subjects of English and maths, supported by a cross curricular carousel of enrichment challenges. Please see the curriculum map for further details.

**Forest School:**

We plan to visit the forest every week on a **Friday morning 0845-1030**. Our first session will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Your child may come to school in their Forest School kit: long trousers or joggers, long sleeved T-shirt, warm hat, coat and sturdy boots. It is **ESSENTIAL** that your child wears waterproof trousers now the weather is cold and damp.

**PE:**

Please could your child have a PE kit of T-shirt, shorts and trainers/pumps in school all week. I would also recommend you pop in a spare pair of socks and pants. PE will continue to be on Thursday afternoons and will be outdoors. The children will start to learn the basic defence and attack techniques used in team games. We will continue to focus on balance, co-ordination and team skills.

**Library:**

Library days for KS1 will continue to be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure books are returned so that we can issue a new book.

**Reading and phonics:**

Letters and Sounds is taught 4 times per week; Year 1 will continue through Phase 5 developing their understanding of the alternative pronunciation of some phonemes and graphemes. Year 2 will continue with the Phase 6 spelling programme focusing on spelling rules and suffixes/prefixes. We will endeavour to change reading books as needed - please read with your child **every night** and make a note in the reading record to let us know that you have read. If you would like to keep a book for longer please indicate so in your child's reading record.

Finally we are very pleased to welcome Alfie and Uxue and their families to Cherry Tree Class class and St David's School.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please catch me at the gate or arrange an appointment via the office.

Kind regards

Ms Georgiou