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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you enjoyed Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

I am writing this newsletter to thank you for the support given last term, inform you of some of the topics your child/children will be studying this Spring Term and refresh your information on the classroom procedures.

Attached to this letter is a brief overview of our theme for this term, Dinosaurs. Again we will be linking most areas to the curriculum to this fun and popular topic. If there are any budding palaeontologists among you, or if you feel that you can enhance our learning in any way, please contact me as the children love it when parents and carers get involved. They also gain so much when they can relate what they are finding out to what they already know and are able to share their learning.

This term our Forest School sessions will mainly take place after half term and the whole class will be going up to Millichope. The sessions will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and as many of you have already found out, be prepared for your child to come home messy on those afternoons. In addition we will also be carrying on with 'Wonderful Wednesdays' and have the whole school 'Wake Up, Sing up' sessions in the morning and in the afternoon House activities including Forest School, Art and Drama.

Children will need their P.E. kits on Fridays for the PE session but may also need it during the week for any extra PE sessions this term. It is best if you could leave their P.E. kits in school during the week or even for the half term as they do not really get that dirty and this helps me if I change my timetable around. It is also a tremendous help if all articles in their kit are clearly labelled with their name including their trainers. We will be doing some P.E. sessions outside this half term so please make sure your child has some warmer PE clothes and trainers that fit them as these are better for outside PE.

Please could your child continue to have their reading book bags in school every day as we will be continuing the successful, strong routine for individual and group reading. It is important so that we can monitor and record their reading in the record books. In addition thank you for all the support given with homework. It makes a real difference. The homework routines will be the same for this Spring Term. The New KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) objectives will be put in the Year 1 homework books and placed in the Reception Children's bags. If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework or are unsure about a task please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would like to encourage the children to drink **water** during the day as it has a positive effect on concentration. If possible could you please continue to send your child in with a water bottle with their name on. This can be taken home in the evening to be cleaned and refreshed.

We will continue with 'Show and Tell' on a Friday when your child can bring in a special item or tell us of something important that has happened in their life that week.

As you have probably heard we have some local volunteers that come into school to help who really do enhance the children's learning, widening their understanding and experiences (the children may have told you about the fabulous music and singing sessions). A very big thank you to them and all the parents who do volunteer to come into the classroom and help out; it is invaluable. Everyone is very welcome and we can always use an extra pair of hands, so if you have any time to spare we would be very pleased to welcome you. There is never a dull moment and jobs range from reading to cutting and sticking. In addition, if you feel you have any ideas you feel would be beneficial or particular skills you would like to share please do not hesitate to pop in, call or send a note in with your child.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I hope you find it useful. As always if you have any queries, questions or suggestions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Susan Rook