

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for another fun half term. This term we are excited to welcome a postgraduate teaching student from Worcester University (working from our academy trust), Mrs French, into Class 1. She will be working alongside the team in Class 1 to develop her practice and her teaching skills until April.

This half term, the children in Class 1 will be learning about 'The Cold'. We will firstly be looking at the cold areas of the world and learning the differences between them. We will look at the animals, plants and people that survive the extremes of temperature and how they have become adapted. We will then learn through looking into the past how explorers have tried to explore these vast, inhospitable environments. Following this work, we will complete a scientific experiment using ice and will be learning about the different states of water and the temperatures at which water freezes and condenses.

PE lessons this half term will take place on a **Wednesday** (games). Please could you ensure that children have their PE kits in school all week with a pair of trainers and warm clothes such as jogging bottoms and hoodies. We are also going to carry on having 'Show and Tell' on a **Wednesday** so if your child has anything special to talk to the class about or a special object to show, please upload photos or a video to Tapestry by 2pm. Please refer to Tapestry for the dates for show and tell for your child's year group.

Forest school dates for this half term: **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.** Please send your child to school wearing their warm, old clothes for forest school (NO jeans please) with a warm, waterproof coat and suitable footwear in a separate bag.

The children will enjoy computing, RE and music lessons this half term as well as learning phonics, English and maths. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can, at least **4 times a week**, recording this in your child's reading diary. The children would love to win Oswald very soon! We can really see the improvement in your child's learning thanks to your support at home.

If you ever have a concern or query regarding your child, please feel free to come to see us for a quick chat before or after school or you are welcome to book an appointment if you'd like more time to talk.

We are very much looking forward to another busy, exciting half term!

With best wishes

Mrs Hayley Pratley

Ms Emilia Munro