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Year 1 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed spending time with family and friends over the holidays and are excited to be back in school to do lots of learning.

Spring term

This term we will be exploring 'Food of all Nations'. We will be thinking about the UK, Europe and the wider world as we explore the origins of food. We will be making comparisons between different countries as well as finding out how foods have developed over time. As part of this, we are hoping to visit the 'York Chocolate Story' in March. We will give out more details later this half term in a separate letter. Our focus in Science will be all about 'Animals'.

P.E.

Our P.E. days this half term are:

Class 3 (Mrs Isenring & Mrs Merritt) - **Mondays and Thursdays**

Class 4 (Mrs Keirl) - **Mondays and Tuesdays**

On these days, **please send your child to school wearing a suitable P.E. kit.** Most sessions will be outdoors so they will need trainers or plimsolls, jogging bottoms/loose shorts, a t-shirt and a jumper. Children should not wear crop tops or footwear that is not suitable for sporting activities e.g. flip flops. On P.E. days we ask that earrings are removed if possible.

Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle every day. Their bottles must only have water in them to drink during the day.

Home-school diaries

Your child was given one of our new home-school diaries in September. These are really useful as they contain key information for learning and are a great way to communicate with teachers about any reading, homework or extra learning your child has done at home. Please help your child to look after these and make sure they are in school every day. If you have misplaced yours, then please contact a member of staff as they are able to be replaced, at a small cost.

Reading books

Your child has their reading book changed once a week. Please make sure they bring their book to school every day and books will be changed on Fridays. Please try and read with your child every day or at least three times a week. In class we keep a reading record and children will receive a prize and a certificate every half term for reading three times a week.

Homework

Home learning mats for this term are in your child's home-school diary. This has been shared in school with the children as it details the key learning for this term and any activities you can do to support from home. You will also receive a weekly spelling list to practise at home to support your child's writing too.

Many thanks,

Mrs Keirl, Mrs Isenring and Mrs Merritt ☺