



Thursday 4th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and we wish you all a very happy new year.

Our topic this term is 'The World Beneath Our Feet' and we are looking forward to exploring artefacts that give us clues about life in Roman Britain. We plan to visit Caerleon to learn more about this period in history – more details will follow. Please find attached the topic web explaining what we will be covering in each subject of the curriculum. There is also a sheet explaining maths skills you can practise at home to support learning in school.

In Woodpeckers, the children will continue to be taught by Miss Wright and supported by Mrs Lafford in the morning. On Thursday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Dix or by Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Lafford in Forest School. There will also be opportunities when the children work with different children and staff within school.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home. We understand that children are often busy or tired after school but would like the children to try and read aloud at home and talk about what they have read as regularly as possible. Please write any comments and sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read. The children are collecting stamps and are working towards reading certificates. We will continue to send home their red homework book on Friday. Homework should be sent back into school by the following Wednesday.

On Tuesday afternoons, the children will be continuing to participate in Wider Opportunities music sessions with Miss Sherwood. We hope that you will be able to join us later in the term for a musical celebration in which they can share their new skills.

On Wednesday afternoons, the children will participate in P.E. sessions led by Mr Rushworth. All the children will also participate in a further P.E. lesson throughout the week, so it is important that they have their **P.E. kit in school everyday**. The P.E. kit should consist of:

- * **Short sleeved T – shirt** – plain white
- * **Shorts** – plain black or navy
- * **Tracksuit bottoms** – plain black or navy (for outdoor P.E.)
- * **Jumper / fleece** – plain (for outdoor P.E.)
- * **Socks** – white
- * **P.E. pumps / trainers** - suitable for physical activity inside and outside

If your child takes part in a sporting after school club, you may find it easier for them to bring in another set of kit for this.

Small stud pierced earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child or covered for all P.E. lessons.

Please ensure that your child brings in a coat to school and that they wear sensible black shoes everyday as the weather is so unpredictable.

In Woodpeckers, the children are encouraged to be responsible for all of their belongings please help them by ensuring that all belongings – each piece of uniform, school bags, Forest School kit, pencil cases, P.E. kit, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are still clearly named so that they can be quickly reunited with your child.

The children are allowed to bring in **one small** pencil case filled with essential equipment e.g. pencils, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, a ruler and colouring pencils to be kept in their tray. Please ensure that precious items are not brought into school as the children are responsible for looking after them.

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal then please telephone the school office to let us know.

If you wish to contact us, then please either speak to us at the end of the school day or make an appointment for a mutually convenient time via Mrs Blake in the school office.

We hope you will be able to join us for Woodpeckers Spring Celebration Worship on Friday 16th February.

Kind regards,

Miss Wright and Mrs Lafford

Class Teacher & Teaching Assistant

