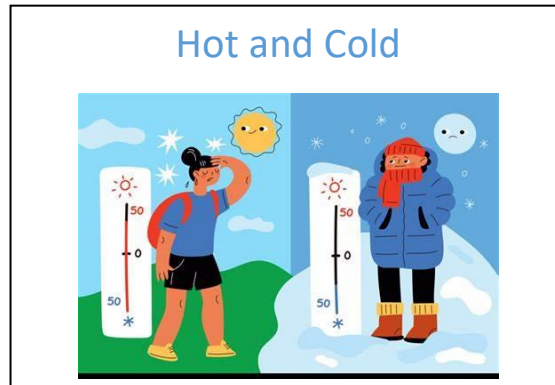




Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Spring Term 1



Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Class 2 Parents/Carers,

We would first like to start by saying a huge thank you for all your lovely gifts and Christmas cards at the end of last term. It is truly appreciated. We hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Christmas break and are ready for another busy term. Along with this letter, you will also receive a Topic Web showing you the exciting learning we will be covering this term.

Over the course of term 3, our topic will be called 'Hot and Cold' where we will be learning about the hot and cold places on our planet and linking this with our science finding out how animals survive in their habitats. Our class core text, 'Leaf' by Sandra Diekmann will support this as we also explore endangered species.

Reading and Spelling

We will continue to change Little Wandle/Collins Fluency reading books on a **Friday** this term. Please keep your child's reading book in their book bag and bring it into school every day. In class, children will engage in small group reading as well as taking part in whole class reading lessons exploring a range of texts. Please ensure that all Little Wandle books are returned to school promptly at the end of each week to enable children across the school to access them as needed.

Spelling tests will continue to be on a **Friday** with new spellings given out on a **Monday**. Our first spelling test will be on **Friday 10th January**.

Forest School

This term, Birch class will be participating in a series of forest sessions every **Tuesday** afternoon. During these sessions, the children will learn how to use tools in order to whittle and cut, tie knots to secure ropes and string, make shelters and adventure playground equipment whilst developing teamwork skills of co-operation and communication.

It is advised that children wear old, weather appropriate clothing as they can get muddy. Children will need to bring clothing and suitable footwear e.g. wellies, waterproof coat, gloves or hat with them on Tuesday morning in a named bag. Please ensure everything is labelled as lost items tend to find their way back more quickly than those without a name!

In addition to the 'Golden Mile', the children will continue to have P.E. on Thursdays (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor). Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days.

In Spring Term 1 our school value focus is 'Perseverance'.

Pressing on
Eager to continue
Running the race
Sticking with things
Encouraging each other to keep going
Valuing the support of others
Eyes fixed on the target
Reaching a goal over time
Aiming to complete the task
Not giving up
Commitment to keep going
Ending up where you want to be



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone or make an appointment via the School Office.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Miss Dancer and Mrs Millington