



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Spring Term 1

Survival



Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Class 2 Parents/Carers,

We would first like to start by saying a massive thank you for all your lovely gifts and Christmas cards at the end of last term - we were very spoilt! 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.

Topic:

Over the course of term 3, our topic will be called 'Survival'. We look forward to welcoming Amanda Butler from the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation to update us on the endangered animals her foundation work with. We hope to work with Amanda to take part in a courageous advocacy campaign to raise awareness of the plight of endangered African animals.

Home Learning:

Reading

We will continue to change Little Wandle reading books on a **Friday** this term. We would encourage you to log in to your child's BoomReader (formally known as GoRead) account to update us on reading at home. Please keep your child's reading book in their book bag and bring into school every day. In class, children will read with a member of staff at least twice a week in a group. A note of this will be made on their BoomReader account.

Spellings

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 13th January**.

The children also have a login for Spelling Shed which will give them different activities and games to practise their words during the week. This is not a compulsory activity but provides an alternative way of rehearsing spellings.

Maths:

Numbots has a variety of games to support number fact understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that children move from counting to calculating.

We will also be starting Nippy Numbers in the coming weeks to develop rapid mental calculation of number facts. The aim is to practise verbally to increase fluency at home so your child can calculate their number bonds without counting on their fingers. Children have one minute to answer all ten questions to prove that these facts are embedded.

PE:

In addition to the 'Golden Mile', the children will continue to have P.E. on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days. The children will be outside for some of their P.E. lessons so jogging bottoms will be preferable. Any child with long hair must always have their hair tied back.

Values:

In Spring Term 1 we will be learning all about 'Perseverance'. These are the focus aspects of this value:

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.



Uniform and organisation

We appreciate your help in encouraging Class 2 to learn a sense of responsibility and independence by ensuring they have the correct uniform, trainers for running the Golden Mile, long hair tied back, a warm coat for playtime, reading folder with spelling book and reading book and their water bottle brought to school every day. Often items of school uniform (jumpers in

particular) and water bottles are left behind at the end of the day and if they are not name labelled it is very difficult to ensure that they are returned to their rightful owners!

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.

Mrs dos Santos, Mrs Vukelic, Mrs Tidy, Mrs Butler and Mrs Wakefield