

### **Welcome back!**

There is no time like  
Spring,  
When life's alive in  
everything!

Christina Rossetti

### **Forest School**

This term the children will be venturing down to Lakin Woods for their Forest School Sessions! The dates for these are:

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Although we may begin to see milder temperatures, please ensure that you send in warm and appropriate clothing. The sessions run in **all** weather and being warm really helps the children enjoy their time in the forest.

### **Parents Evening**

There will be an opportunity in March to discuss your child's progress and next step targets. More information will follow nearer the time.

### **Wish List!**

Can you help with any of the following...

**Junk:** Any cereal/ small cardboard boxes, small plastic bottles, kitchen roll tubes, white polystyrene nuggets, plastic milk bottle lids or newspaper would be greatly appreciated for our creative area.

**Comics/Magazines:** Any comics or magazines in good condition for our reading area.

**Duplo and Small lego bricks:** Any chunky Duplo bricks and/or normal sized lego bricks for our indoor construction area. We don't tend to use figures/wheels etc. just the bricks.



Help with any of the above, would be hugely appreciated.

### **PE**

PE will continue the same as last term.

**Wednesdays:** Games and ball skills with Ben

**Thursdays:** Gymnastics with Lucy

## **Spring Term in Class One**

### **Topics and Themes**



**Our topic this term is New Life!**

Our key texts are:



This term is all about Spring and New life! The first 2 weeks will focus upon 'Babies' where we will look at the human life-cycle and the changes we go through. We will have fun looking at pictures of our friends and teachers as babies and we will try to guess who is who! We will then move onto new life in the animal kingdom and we will hopefully see some fluffy new arrivals to Class One. In the week before the February break, we will be thinking about the changing seasons and looking for signs of Spring!

When we return from half term, our learning will focus upon plant life where we will be looking closely at trees, plants and flowers. This will take us to the approach to Easter where we will learn all about the Easter story and why Easter is important to Christians.

This is a super topic with lots of opportunity for exploring the world around us with hands-on activities. Keep checking Class Dojo to see what we are getting up to this half term!

### **Baby Photos**

To support our topic work could we please request that a photograph of your child as a baby is sent into school. We will need these by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at the very latest, in order to do our planned activities. Pictures sent in should be named on the back and will be returned to you once we have made a copy. Alternatively, you can post a photo to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo if this is easier. Please try to add the photo into their portfolio rather than in the private messaging facility. There is a video on Class Stories (back in October) if you need a reminder of how to do this. Many thanks for your support.

### **Homework**

Please keep going with the activities in homework packs. It really does help your child's confidence and progress in school. Reading and Spelling activities should be prioritised.

I will continue changing reading books on a Monday, providing that they have been read with comments in diaries. Don't forget Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds activities!

### **Secret Reader!**



We are looking for a volunteer for Secret Reader! The proposed date is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10:45**. If you are willing and available, please let me know by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Remember...don't tell the children!

### **Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service**

A team from the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service will be visiting school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** to talk their role within the community and about fire safety. We usually get to have a sit in the fire engine and have a go with the water hose!

Don't forget to share photos and experiences with us on Class Dojo. We love to see the children learning outside school!

Dates for your diary can be found on the school website and don't forget to check emails for regular school newsletters