

Message from the class teachers:

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas. The break was thoroughly deserved by all the children especially after their fantastic performances of 'The Inn Crowd'. We are really looking forward to the next half term and immersing ourselves into our ACE curriculum once more with our exciting Roman's topic.

Teachers: Mrs Bielby, Mr Taylor, Miss Winfield and Mrs Goosey

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Lowe, Mrs Byrne, Mrs Edwards and Miss Copestake

An overview of learning this half term

Maths: Shape and fractions

English: Escape from Pompeii (Diary entry) and What the Romans Did for Us (non-chronological report)

History: Romans

Science: Light

RE: Why do people pray?

French: Animals

Art: Roman shield sculptures

Computing: Animation

PE: Invasion Games and Gymnastics

General Reminders:**Reading**

Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and sign this off in their reading records. We have rewards in school for children reading at home. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz on Accelerated Reader. This can also be completed at home on their ipads.

We will be hosting reading café's so that parents and carers can come into school, listen to their children read and have some breakfast. These run in the hall from 8:40am until 9:15am; the infant gates will be open until the end of the session. Please take a note of your child's class' reading café below and we look forward to seeing you all there:

Green Class – Monday 5th February

Fletcher Class – Monday 12th February

Bond class – Monday 26th February

Compass: Changing Lives

Compass: Changing Lives work with schools across Derby and Derbyshire to provide wellbeing support to children and young people. They also provide parent and carer support around improving knowledge and understanding of how best to support and improve their child's mental health and wellbeing. They will be visiting school on 15th Jan, 29th Jan and 5th Feb and will be based in the hall from 8:40am – 9:15am. Pop in and see them if you would like to find out more about the support they can offer.

iPads

This term we will be continuing to utilise the iPad during lessons across the curriculum. Please ensure your child's iPad comes to school fully charged every day so they are able to take part in all planned activities.

PE

Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE. Earrings need to be able to be removed by the children themselves if they are doing it in school time.

Green: Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Fletcher: Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Bond: Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)

Our inside PE this half term is gymnastics so please send your child with shorts under their tracksuit bottoms.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set each week which will be communicated with you on Dojo on a Wednesday when it is set. As always, the children have a week to complete this. Also, please encourage your child to access Reading, Sum Dog and Times Table Rockstars. We will ensure all children are confident in accessing homework tasks and all passwords are provided in reading diaries, which must be kept safely.

Nut Free School

There are children and staff in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient.

Don't forget, if you have any questions, please see us at the classroom door at the end of the day or contact your child's teacher via class dojo.