

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. We are really looking forward to the next half term and immersing ourselves into our ACE curriculum once more with our exciting topics.

Teachers: Mrs Saunders, Mr Ledford, Miss Allen and Mrs Cooper.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Mason and Mrs Birkinshaw

An overview of learning this half term

Maths: Fractions, decimals and percentages

English: Science Fiction narrative and Poetry.

Geography: Biomes

Science: Space

RE: What would Jesus do?

French: Family Tree

PSHE: Friendships

Computing: Video Editing

PE: Hockey and Gymnastics (Swimming for Carroll class)

General Reminders:

Reading

The school expectation is for children to read at least 3 times per week, and this should be recorded in reading diaries. These are checked weekly and children are rewarded for reading at home. Children independently change reading books once they have completed their book quiz on Accelerated Reader.

Following the success of last year, we will be hosting another round of reading café's so that parents and carers can come into school, listen to their children read and have a breakfast snack. These will 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 date below - we look forward to seeing you all there:

Stine Class – Monday 15th January

Carroll Class – Monday 22nd January

Baddiel class – Monday 29th January

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.

Carroll: Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (swimming)

Stine: Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

Baddiel: Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

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.