13th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs Rolfe, Laura, Mrs Webber, Miss Lowin and I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families

I would like to give you some information about Robin’s class and our routines for the coming term.

PE/Gym: Children will be visiting the gym this half term on Tuesday afternoons and after half term we will be swimming. PE will be on Friday mornings with Mr Day.

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PE kit: Children to wear their PE kits to school on these days (Tuesday and Friday)

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them when they come to school on Monday each week. They will be available for them throughout the day, as we are no longer allowed to use the water fountain.

Spellings will be checked on Fridays and home learning will continue in the same format as last term and will be practiced and sent home on Fridays, these will also be added to Tapestry.

Reading: All Children are part of the Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme where reading books are directly linked to the material taught during these sessions, including new sounds learnt and decodable texts, ensuring children can read these will increase their confidence and fluency.

Following our assessments for last term, the children have been re grouped at their reading level. Please continue to use the reading log provided for your child. For the programme to be successful in its process I would like you to encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week, the first read through is a shared read looking at story

and talking about the book, the second read is for your child to read to you and the third read is to discuss what happened in the story. Your child will also choose a storybook to share, this has a sticky label and there is no expectation for your child to read this, it is purely reading for pleasure. This daily reading will be part of the homework expectation.

This terms topic will be: Near, Far, Wherever We Are. It is a Geographical topic. Our focus will be on Where we live and will be looking at this from a local to global level. If you have any resources at home that you would like to share with us that would be wonderful!

Our Stunning Start this term will be on Friday 20th January where we will become GMD’s (Geographical Map Detectives) Special Agents, we will dress up as Special Agents ready to investigate Maps. (you may need: a hat, note pad and other Special Agent accessories)

I have an open door policy and can be available directly after school. I hope that if you have any concerns or questions about anything to do with your child that you will not hesitate to contact me. The best way to do this is via email on: [tracy.coulam@ventrus.org.uk](mailto:tracy.coulam@ventrus.org.uk). I pick up my emails frequently and will get back to you as soon as I can and arrange a meeting if necessary.

I hope this has covered all of your questions and look forward to a very busy and exciting term ahead.

Best Wishes

Tracy Coulam