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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during this long autumn term. We've had a wonderful time getting to know our classes and wish you all a very restful, peaceful Christmas break.

Here are some updates and key dates for the new year:

Reading Books:

We will have our second Star Reader tests completed during the first full week back at school. As soon as this has been done, children will bring a reading book home to read at home and at school. This is to be returned when the child has finished reading it. They can then take an Accelerated Reader quiz in school before they take their next book from our Year 6 library. Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day: a lovely, calm activity to do before bedtime. Well done to our 2 pupils in Year 6 who have already read over one million words.

Home Learning:

Your child will be set and complete their Home Learning on Seesaw as before. They have a week in which to complete this work and then the new work will be set on the following Friday. This will include a maths task, a grammar task, spelling revision and a Learning Enquiry (LE) task which they can choose from the LE menu. Our expectation is that all maths, grammar and spelling homework is completed in time to be marked on Friday morning and that at least 3 out of the 6 LE menu pieces are completed by the February half term.

PE:

This half term, our PE lessons return to a **Thursday** afternoon and a **Friday** afternoon. On these days, we would like the children to 'Come in Kit'. Children should come to school on these days dressed in the school PE kit instead of normal uniform: they can wear their usual school jumper/fleece, their white school polo shirt or plain white t-shirt, dark blue/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (plain) and trainers or plimsolls. They do not need to bring a change of clothes. Please note that the Thursday lessons will be inside on these days, so clean trainers please. Friday's lessons will be outside, weather permitting.

Wild for Learning:

Your child will continue to take part in Wild for Learning lessons with Miss Martin and Mrs Redding. Please see the table below for dates for the whole of the spring term. On these days (Wednesdays), please provide your child with a change of clothes, in a named bag, that are weather appropriate and that you don't mind getting a bit mucky. Please include a change of footwear - wellies are recommended.

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| Natterjacks | 7 th January | 14 th January | 4 th March | 11 th March |
| Pine Martens | 21 st January | 28 th January | 18 th March | 25 th March |
| Wildcats | 4 th February | 11 th February | 1 st April | Owed a session in summer |

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Mobile Phones:

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone in to school, this will need to be handed to their class teacher in the morning as soon as they come into the classroom. It will then be stored away until the very end of the day. For safeguarding reasons, it is vital that children keep these switched off until they are outside of the school gates.

Snacks and Water Bottles:

Children can bring in a snack for their morning break. We are committed to being a healthy school, so any snacks they bring in should be healthy (e.g. packet of dried fruit, fresh fruit, tube yoghurts etc). Children will not be allowed to eat their chocolate bar or crisps from their packed lunches at this time. Children can have their drinks bottles in class with them and we will encourage them to keep hydrated throughout the day. Please note that these should only contain **water**.

Finally, just a quick note to remind children not to bring in toys or pencil cases from home.

Thank you again for your support so far. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or email your child's class teacher:

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Best wishes,

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