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Welcome back to Spring 1!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and a Happy New Year! We can't quite believe we are in 2022 already! We are very excited for Spring 1! We hope you have enjoyed your Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the new half term.

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning from autumn 2. This half term our topic is Splendid Skies. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. We will be enjoying exploring and investigating weather! Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Reading books will continue to be sent home this half term, please ensure books are in school every day but especially on a Friday.

We are continuing our daily phonics lessons, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am. You will continue to receive phonics books daily too. Once again please return these to school each day.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of the year. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

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Rebecca Aspinall

Splendid Skies



Let's put on our coats, pop up our brollies and investigate the weather.

This half term, we'll take a walk outdoors to find out about different types of weather and to look for signs of the seasons. We'll study TV weather reports, make weather symbols and learn about the life and work of Sir Francis Beaufort. Creative opportunities will allow us to explore weather in works of art, make season trees and create seasonal music! We'll compose weather poems and write postcards describing the weather in different places. Our thinking skills will come in handy when we experiment with thermometers, investigate the effects of the Sun and compare weather around the world.

When we are weather experts, we will share our knowledge with you. We will record and broadcast weather reports, perform weather songs and music and describe our ideal holiday destinations.

ILP focus	Science
English	Recounts, poetry, lists and instructions, postcards, reports
Science	Seasonal changes
Art & design	Collage and painting
Geography	Seasonal and daily weather patterns
History	Sir Francis Beaufort
Mathematics	Measurement
Music	Weather sounds and songs
PE	Dance

Help your child prepare for their project

Weather is wonderful! Why not go for a walk and observe the weather? Take photographs and make notes of interesting observations. Alternatively, study a weather app together to see how symbols are used to show the weather over the coming days. You could also fly a kite in the park on different days to find out which conditions are best for kite flying!