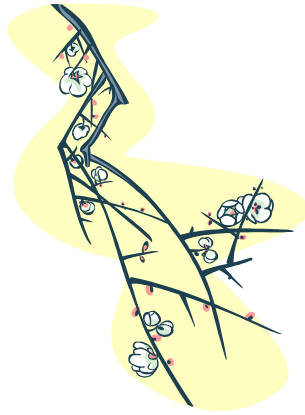




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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring term. We hope that the children enjoyed their Christmas break and are looking forward to returning to school.

Our first topic this term will be 'Winter'. The children will be learning about the Seasons and Weather, and investigating ice. The children will be considering hot and cold places and which animals live in hot and cold countries. The children will then begin a topic on toys. The children will be learning about toys from the past and present and inventing toys for the future. They will investigate different types of toys to find out what material they are made from and how the toys move and work.

After February half term our topic will change to 'Growing and New Life'. The children will be learning about how many different things such as plants, animals and humans grow. We will be planting seeds and observing the changes. The children will go on a Spring walk to look for signs of Spring and new life in the environment and will be thinking about the meaning of Easter.

This term we will be continuing with sending home reading books for the children to read to you at home. In order to do this please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school everyday. We will also continue to send key words home to learn. Please can you spend five minutes a day practising these with your child, either as a game or challenge, or trying to match some of the key words to words in your child's reading book. Homework will also be sent home in your child's blue homework book on a Monday or Tuesday. Please can you encourage your child to do this activity as it is tailored to target a specific objective for your child. Homework should be returned to school each Monday.

We will be continuing with Wanachi this term. The Wanachi will have the opportunity to take Ben, the class bear, home. The children will also take home a diary to complete, recording what they did with Bennie. The children will be able to keep Ben bear for two weeks before returning him back to school on a Friday. This will be shared with the rest of the class. We have been doing this with the children who have been Wanachi so far and they have loved it!

Again we are encouraging the children to bring in healthy food for their mid-morning snack. We have found that the children really benefit from eating a piece of fruit and drinking water, both in terms of their concentration and behaviour. We hope that you will support us in teaching the children about healthy eating and living.

Even though the weather is extremely cold at the moment, we still try to go outside in the fresh air when we can. Please can you ensure that they come to school with a warm coat, hats and gloves so we can take advantage of any dry weather.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you

Miss Gallie





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