

# January

Mrs Coen -Year 1 - Spring 1



## Welcome Back & Happy New Year

I hope you all had a wonderful festive break. It has been lovely to see all the children come back eager and ready to start the New Year. We will continue to take our learning outdoors on a Monday afternoon. As we are well into the winter months please ensure your child has suitable winter clothing (named) every day - especially a hat. As the children will be outside and will need to be wrapped up warm. PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon this term and will be facilitated by Ms Quinn.

## What We Are Learning

In Maths this term, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes as well as consolidating our existing knowledge. In Science, we will continue to explore 'Human Senses' with a focus on sight. In Geography, we will be exploring 'Our Wonderful World' the children will learn about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. We will also be starting our Design Technology this term where the children learn about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move.

## Home Learning

Please continue to return homework folders on a Thursday so that they can be updated and returned ready to take home on Friday. The children will continue to have their phonics reading books, online phonics videos and home activity each week. Please try and read as often as you can - look out for another reading challenge later this term. The last challenge proved to be really successful and the children seemed to enjoy it!

In addition, this term the children will have four common exception words (CEWs) to learn and practice reading and writing each week at home. These are classed as high-frequency words that don't follow regular phonics rules. As the children are progressing through their phonics and writing more independently, mastering these "tricky words" in both areas can help boost their confidence in reading and helps them form more structured basic sentences. I am sure they will love showing you how fantastic they are with these words already!

## Upcoming Events

- Internet Safety Week - 9<sup>th</sup> February
- PTA Pancake flip day - 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Last Day of term - 13<sup>th</sup> February

## Class Dojo

As always you can contact me on Class Dojo. I will aim to check this each morning. It won't always be myself on the gate each morning. If you need to speak to me face to face please message me and let me know. Please phone the office for any short notice changes or emergencies, as I may not see messages during the school day.

