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Dear Parents/Carers
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Spring Term

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new school term. We hope you all had a happy Christmas holiday. May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your good wishes, cards and gifts.

This is going to be a busy term as the children have had time to settle to new routines and are getting used to working hard. The children know that we expect them to do their best at all times. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated. The children are expected to read regularly at home. If you have any concerns, please use the reading record book to write to us or please come and see us after school. We would like to collect your child's book wallets on Thursday, so that we can put in all letters and new books ready to give out again on a Friday. We ask that Thursday night is a share a favourite book at home night, we would love it if you could send in a WOW moment for this every Friday and we can share our favourite books in class together. Some examples would be what your child says about the book, their favourite part or anything about the characters they like in it. However, please continue to send in WOW moments throughout the week, which can be about anything

As you are all aware, early reading skills and phonics play a big part in your child's first year at school. We would like to invite you to a RWI Parent Meeting on Thursday 17th January at 5.30 – 6.00 to support you and your child at home. The workshop will be in the foundation Julia Donaldson classroom with questions after. The workshop aims to answer any questions you may have with regards to supporting your child at home, show you video demonstrations to help visualise the teaching and a discussion with us to tailor the support to your child.

We will also be holding an open evening this term where you are welcome to join us for tea/coffee and for you to explore our learning environment and look through your child's learning journey with them. We will inform you of the date of this session nearer the time.

We will continue to send you weekly newsletters about what we are/have been learning over the spring term. Please understand that the section showing what we will be learning over the coming week is sparse because we follow the children's interest during the week. We do have a main topic across many curriculum areas for each half term alongside the children's own interests: this half term we are looking at stories around the world. We have lots of exciting experiences both inside and outside of school for the children to engage with this topic, we will keep you updated daily about these through our Class Dojo page.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to give their time to help out in the classroom or on trips last term. If you would like to help out this term please let us know. We would love to have parents in to explore different cultures and learn numbers to 10, cooking, drawing, facts. Please do message us.

Please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled as clothes can easily get mixed up, particularly cardigans and jumpers. We are encouraging independence in Julia Donaldson Class, with the children coming into class by themselves. A member of staff will be at the door to welcome your child each morning, please don't hesitate to message us on Class Dojo or through email if you have a concern over your child or a worry about anything. We are available after school most days. Unfortunately, as we are in class from 8.30am onwards, it is difficult for us to talk to parents in the morning but we do make time to read your messages and emails before the children come in.

Can we please also remind parents that if you need to come onto the school premises after 8.50 in the morning, you need to report to reception and obtain a visitors pass. It is of the upmost importance that we know of every adult on site to keep our children safe.

Yours sincerely,

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