



Welcome back to another exciting term and Happy New Year to you all; we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have started the term very well and quickly settled back into school routines. They have enjoyed recounting and sharing their holiday news with their teachers and friends. All the classes have discussed 'New Year's Resolutions' with all children choosing their own resolution for the year ahead!

The Spring term is packed full of fun events and we are sure the children are going to absolutely love learning about their new topics. We are continuing our mission of trying to exercise every day through the 'daily mile' and 'go noodle' so please ensure your child has suitable shoes in school.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the term please do not hesitate to come and see me. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Eckley-Gardner

Topic

Year 1

The children in Year 1 will learn about the topic of 'Would I like to be a weather presenter?' focusing on the four seasons and daily weather. We will link in our English lessons and focus on a variety of genres including stories, instructions, poetry and reports. The children will also have the opportunity to join 'The Great Cloudspotter Club' and become 'qualified' cloudspotters! How exciting!



Year 2

The topic for Year 2 children will last the whole of the Spring term and by the end of the topic the children will be expected to answer the following question; 'Where would I prefer to live: Leominster or Africa?' This topic will focus on where in the world we live and comparing it to a contrasting area in Africa. We will learn all about life in Africa including animals, weather and schooling, building up to an African day and performance at the end of the term – more information to follow.



Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring they have their P.E. kit in school. It should be in school for the whole of the half term. We can always send it home if it gets very dirty!



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This enables the children to change their books regularly and for us to read any comments you have made in their journals.



Reading

We cannot stress the importance of learning the skill of

reading. Please listen to your child read daily and ask them questions about what they have read. Children become expressive, fluent readers by regular practise and also by listening to role models (you!) read to them. Perhaps this could become a weekly treat – maybe by reading your child a bedtime story. A huge thank you to those of you who already read above and beyond with your children.

Yours sincerely

G. A. Eckley-Gardner

Mrs G. A. Eckley-Gardner
(Assistant Head Years 1 and 2)

KS1 Diary Dates

It is a busy but very exciting term!

Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th January	Religious Education Week
Monday 21 st – Wednesday 23 rd January	Road Safety Workshops
Monday 28 th January and Wednesday 30 th January	Tooth Fairies Workshops
Tuesday 29 th January	Wizard of Oz day – children can dress up in characters from the Wizard of Oz. Wizard of Oz performance – kindly paid for by the PTA – THANK YOU.
Wednesday 30 th January	1H class assembly Parents/Carers invited at 2.40PM
Monday 4 th February	Chinese New Year Workshops
Wednesday 6 th February	1KR class assembly Parents/Carers invited at 2.40PM
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th February	Mental Health Awareness Week (TBC)
Wednesday 13 th February	1NH class assembly Parents/Carers invited at 2.40PM
Thursday 14 th February	Non-Uniform Day and cake sale (TBC)
Friday 15 th February	Last day of term
Monday 25 th February	Back to school
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (TBC)
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Monday 18 th March	Year 2 Spring Poetry Day Parents/Carers invited (TBC)
Wednesday 20 th March	2H class assembly Parents/Carers invited at 2.40PM
Wednesday 27 th March and Friday 29 th March	KS1 Spring performance Parents/Carers invited (time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 27 th and Thursday 28 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Monday 8 th April or Tuesday 9 th April	Experience Easter Workshops
Thursday 11 th April	Year 2 Africa day – African visitors - drummers and dancers. African performance – Parents/Carers invited (time to be confirmed)
Friday 12 th April	Last day of term