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Dear Parents/carers and families,

Welcome to the Spring Term! We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning, an antidote to the rather dismal, grey weather of late! Kings, Queens and Castles will be our history focus, whilst in Geography we will explore Weather and World Climate. We hope to visit a castle towards the end of the History unit- I will let you know details as soon as possible. I attach a copy of the Parent Overview for the whole Spring term. For further information please refer to the Guiding Light Curriculum Longships Year A on the school website under Curriculum/Content and Plans. For Reception children, please find the EYFS curriculum document on the school website under EYFS/Curriculum. We will be holding an open afternoon at 2.30pm on 12th February for you to view and enjoy your child's learning.

Please remember that school starts promptly at 8.45, when we mark and close the register, so you need to be arriving at the gate well before this time. If you arrive after 8.45, you will need to go around to the front of the school and enter via Reception.

The children will be having PE lessons on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit comes into school on a **Monday morning**. If your child does not have their kit in school, we will phone home to ask that it is brought in. Your child will **not** be able to take part in the lesson if they do not have their kit. Please also ensure that they have the correct kit- black or navy blue shorts/joggers and the correct colour t shirt for their Godrevy group. They can wear their school sweatshirt or bring a separate one especially for PE, but it **must** be plain navy blue or black.

The children will be doing **Outdoor Learning** every **Tuesday** afternoon during the first half of the term. Please could you send your child's wellies and waterproof trousers back to school in a clearly named bag. It is helpful if the wellies stay in school, but we will send any damp clothes home for washing and drying if needed.

It is really, really important that you make practising letter sounds and listening to your child read part of your weekday daily routine, however busy you are. It will take 5, 10 or 15 minutes at most, but the benefits to your child are huge. It is very evident to staff which children are practising regularly and which are not, as it really impacts on their day to day progress. At the end of the week, the children place their superhero on our Empire State Building display. Those who have read on 4, 5, 6, and 7 days will receive the prize of a chocolate button. Please record all the days when you have heard your child read in the diary. The children really love their chocolate button, so please help them achieve at least 4 days of reading practice. The children also have **spelling homework each week. **Please ensure that this is completed by Friday.****

Seesaw. It is really helpful if you look at notifications promptly, as it means that I can contact you quickly with class information and updates. It also means that you are aware of what your child has been learning that day in school, so that you can offer interest and support. I will try to put information onto Seesaw as soon after the end of the school day as possible. Especially exciting class news appears on the school Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085329141404> Please be aware that I cannot look at Seesaw messages during teaching time, i.e. between 8.30 and 12.15 and between 1.15 and 3.15. If you have an important





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message, please contact the office via email or telephone call. Messages about illness and absence should always be sent to the office.

A reminder about classroom rules;

-Please could the children wear the correct school uniform and P.E. kit. P.E. shorts, joggers and sweatshirts should be **black** or **navy blue** and not any other colour.

-Please could long hair be tied back. Also could elaborate head bands, bows, slides and hair ties be avoided, as they tend to distract children from their work, and end up being constantly taken off and put back on throughout the day.

-Please could children bring water in their bottles, not squash or juice. The school dental nurse emphasised this as very important during her visit. Even sugar free squashes bathe teeth in an acidic solution, which is harmful to teeth. Please see me if this is a problem.

-Please could the children **not** bring toys and personal possessions into school. These are again a distraction and it is upsetting if they get broken or lost. For show and tell sessions, I would like the children to bring in either a favourite story for me to read to the class, or something that is directly linked to our current learning. Otherwise I am overwhelmed with tens of children wanting to show things like small stones that they have picked up!

-Also, it would be really helpful if you could sort through your child's book bag **each day**, making sure that their reading book, diary, spelling book (Y1/2) and homework folder are in place, and that information letters and any of your child's drawings and craftwork are removed.

IMPORTANT

Next half term in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education), the Y1 and Y2 children (not the Pebbles) will be learning about body parts and how some parts of our bodies are private. We will be using the correct scientific names for genitalia- penis, testicles, vagina, vulva. It is considered important that the children are aware of the correct names, as well as using the more familiar terms- willy, balls etc. I will let you know via Seesaw the week that we will be covering this.

ADVANCE WARNING

A date for your diary. We will be holding our activity evening/sleepover on Thursday July 17th. As in previous years, the Pebbles will stay for the activities and food, but not for the sleepover. The Y1s and Y2s will sleepover in school, camping out in sleeping bags in the hall- great fun! The cost will be approximately £4.00, or less for YR children.

If you have any questions about any information in this letter, please come and speak with me, or send a message on Seesaw.

Thank you, Marion Davies Class teacher

