



Friday 9th January

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you've had a lovely festive period and enjoyed time to rest and recuperate after a busy autumn term. We're excited for this new academic term; with Mrs Band joining our team and Mrs Marsden teaching an additional morning with the class. We've planned lots of purposeful learning linked to our topic, whilst working hard to have consistent routines and expectations for the class. We have made some changes to the timetable and homework this term, so we appreciate you taking the time to read this letter to support with this.

Staffing Update

Day:	Teacher:
Monday & Tuesday	Mrs Halcrow
Wednesday & Thursday	Mrs Band
Friday	Mrs Marsden

Additionally, both Mrs S James and Mrs Kanako will work with Year 3 in the mornings and afternoons every day this term.

Topic

Over the next 2 short terms, we will be focussing on Ancient Egypt. This term, our focus is on Geography objectives linked to the importance of The Nile in modern and Ancient Egypt, and to the continent of Africa through our English key text. Please see the attached topic web for more detail about learning for this term.

Homework ***Please note changes***

Homework will be set on **Friday** via Class Dojo, to be returned by the **following Friday**. As was the case in the Autumn term, the homework will consist of Doodle Maths, Spellingframe.co.uk activities and reading aloud to an adult as often as is possible. We'll continue to provide paper copies for those of you who have requested them.

Trips

We don't have any trips planned for this half term (although Spring 2 looks to be a busy one with a trip, a concert and a class assembly booked in – watch this space!).

P.E. and Library days ***Please note changes***

P.E. days are **Tuesday** (for outdoor P.E.) and **Thursday** (for indoor P.E.). Our outdoor PE lessons will happen outdoors rain or shine (excepting extreme weather conditions), so please ensure that your child has warm and/or waterproof clothing for these lessons.

The children will visit the school library on **Wednesday** afternoons; please ensure they have their library book in their book bag on that day. They are also welcome to visit the library during lunchtimes to change books.

Communication

- **Urgent messages:** Please email or speak to the school office, or to a member of the leadership team at the school gate in the morning. A polite reminder to remember to let us know if somebody different is collecting your child.
- **Non-urgent messages:** You can use Class Dojo to contact us on our working days (Mrs Halcrow – Monday & Tuesdays, Mrs Band – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). We aim to respond within 2 working days.

We operate an **open-door policy** – if you'd like to speak to a teacher or member of the leadership team, please just ask. A senior leader is usually on the gate each morning.

Punctuality and Attendance

Throughout school, doors open at 8.40 a.m. and the register is taken at 8.50 a.m. If you arrive in school after the register has been taken, you will need to take your child to reception to register them for the day and to notify the office of your child's lunch option. Pick up time is at 3.20 p.m.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
15/01/26	Mid-Year Short reports being sent home to parents
20/01/26	SEND Parent Teacher Meeting
30/01/26	Skipping Workshops (in school time)
	SASA Film night – details to follow
06/02/26	History of Art Workshop with Lizzy Rowe from Magic Lantern
Week commencing 09/02/26	Creating our artwork for the Young Art Oxford competition in class
12/02/26	Parents invited into year 3 classroom for Book Look (8.40 – 9.00am)
13/02/26	Break up for half term (3.20pm finish)
23/02/26	Return to school

Best wishes,

Mrs Band, Mrs Halcrow, Mrs Marsden, Mrs James and Mrs Kanako