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Term 2 & 3 – Wales Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break and well-earned rest. We are so proud of the whole class so far this year: **they have settled well into year 1 and showed amazing responsibility on our local walk to the library.**

Our new Curious Curriculum enquiry questions for **Terms 2 & 3** are: **'Where are the coldest places on Earth?, What is life like in hot and cold places?, How does life differ for some animals who live in different parts of the world?, Would you prefer to live in a country with a cold climate?'** This theme will enhance our **geography and scientific** skills. We will be exploring atlases and globes to identify the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world before comparing Bristol to a country in a different climate. In our comparisons of countries we will also look at the variety of animals you will find locally and in other countries and begin to make links to adaptations. We will end term 1 with a visit from the **explorer dome** to see and experience the different climates of the 7 continents. We will also visit **The Bristol Hippodrome** as our Christmas celebration. Our Key Text is '**Lost and Found**' written by **Oliver Jeffers** and our learning will be centred around this. We will be writing a range of different text types including character and setting descriptions focussing on **punctuating our sentences and using the conjunction 'and'.** In maths we will be **focusing on addition and subtraction and then moving onto recognising 2D and 3D shapes**.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, are labelled with first and last names to allow us to keep track of them. No matter how tidy we are in **1** if garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. Our sessions will be on a **Wednesday and Friday** PE kits will be sent home throughout the term to be washed to ensure the safety of our pupils.

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Outside Learning and Forest School:

As part of our Curious Curriculum all pupils will be learning outside in our fantastic school grounds. In order that pupils can learn and play outside in lessons, at break and lunchtimes

and in all types of weather please send into school named wellies and waterproofs that can stay in school.

Home Learning:

We expect all pupils to read to a family member five times per week for ten minutes. Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books come to school daily. *Reading Books are changed on* ***Fridays but please do make me aware if your child has read their book 3 times and it requires changing earlier.*** *We request reading a book 3 times to build fluency.*

Morning Snacks and Drinks:
If you would like to send your child into school with their own snack, we would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

Many thanks,

Jessica Day
Class teacher