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KS1 Autumn 2 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, it was lovely to meet so many of you at the Settling In meetings held at the end of September. If you weren't able to attend, the PowerPoint is up on the school website ☺

Secondly, 'well done' to all of the children for our school trip to Beaulieu this week. We were impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm; well done children! And thank you to our adult helpers!

With a week's break imminent (hurray!), we thought we should let you know what is coming up in KS1 next half term. As ever, it is a busy one and we will be starting to think about our KS1 Nativity Production! How is it that time already?!

Nativity Production

After half term the children will be starting to prepare our Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity Performance. You may receive a slip nearer the time if your child needs anything additional for their costume. Please don't worry, we don't expect you to create a sheep costume; but we may, for example, just need some black leggings or tights! ☺

The performances will take place at St. Mary's Church, starting at **9.30am**. The nativities will take place on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December**. We hope to see you there!



Topic Learning

Between now and Christmas, as well as learning a nativity, the children's new topic will be a Geography driver centred around the title 'Where do I live?'. In this topic the children will be finding out:

- Where the UK is in relation to the world and the countries comprising it.
- Where Bransgore is.
- How to create their own bird's eye view map of the school.
- How to use basic symbols and a key when labelling a map.
- About a famous person who lived locally many years ago; Mary Anning.

As part of this topic, we will be going on a village walk. This will take place on **Thursday 21st November**. The children will be going in small groups throughout the day. Please note there will be a separate letter with regards to parent helpers for this event. Thank you!

Forest School

Just a reminder that we will be heading to our Forest School site on **Thursday 7th November**. If you are able to help that morning, please let the school office know. Year 1 will be going up from 9 – 10.15 and Year 2 will be going from 10.30 – 11.45. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing this day, bringing wellies, waterproofs and long sleeve top and trousers.





Reminders –

Reading gives you wings – Please do make sure your child's teacher has seen your child's reading record regularly. It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate all the lovely reading they do at home but it also informs us of their favourite books to enjoy. Thank you ☺

If your child has lost their card, just let us know and we can distribute a new one.

Changing books – Class teachers will remind children daily to change their reading books at the start and end of the day. Please do remind your child and tell us at the end of the day if they haven't done it; we want to make sure they have plenty of appropriate texts to read. Also, where possible, ask your children lots of questions whilst they are reading to further develop their comprehension skills.

Spelling books – It was mentioned at our settling in meetings that some parents are struggling to look at the spellings over the weekend with their child. We have decided to give you a few more days to learn and revise these spellings with your child. Please can we ask for spelling books to be returned by Wednesday every week. We hope this helps!

Have a wonderful half term – fingers crossed for the weather!

Key Stage 1 Team

