



5th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. It has been lovely to see friendships continue to develop and confidence grow. The children are keen to learn and develop their own lines of enquiry in all areas of the curriculum. Please see the back of this letter for an overview of some of the activities planned for this ½ term as we explore the topic 'Fire and Ice'.

In phonics the children have been taught all the single letter sounds and we will now spend time consolidating this knowledge and learn to segment and blend for spelling and reading. As we have sold so many sets of phonics cards an extra order has been placed for those parents who want to give their children a head start.



Reading books are changed on a daily basis so please fill in the reading log to enable us to check who needs to change their book. Children that read regularly at home will make the quickest progress as regular short bursts of reading are the key to success.

Can I please remind parents to clearly label all items of clothing, including trousers and skirts, as it can become difficult after PE to match children with their clothing. We do ask all children to pop uniforms into PE bags as they change but being so young there are always a few who struggle to be organized.



We are planning a visit to see Santa in his grotto at Madley Environmental Centre on November 30th the cost of the trip will be £8 per child –more details to follow nearer the time.

It's been lovely to see that so many of you are regularly logging into Tapestry to see what your child has been doing in school.

Thank you so much to those that have added their own photos and comments it makes the journal even more special! If you still haven't logged on please do as it's a wonderful way to find out what we do at school all day. If you need support to get started please don't hesitate to ask.



As always please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child at school.

Mrs Gemmell
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