



Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back

Wishing you all a happy new year from the staff at Twineham and I hope everyone had a great Christmas. On behalf of the staff I would like to say thank you for all of the wonderful gifts we received that showed such generosity and kindness. In my assembly about New Year Resolutions this morning we talked about trying to be kind and helpful. You will be pleased to hear that pupils' suggestions included 'be nice to my sister' and 'tidy my room'! It was fantastic to see the pupils back in school today and working hard already. The weather has taken a cold turn so please ensure that your children are well prepared with warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Forest School for Year 5 pupils

Our Year 5 pupils will start Forest School sessions with Marc Easton from next Wednesday 11th January. During their 6 week programme the children will learn bushcraft skills such as whittling, carving, weaving, foraging, den-building and establishing a safe fire circle. **Please can Year 5 pupils wear suitable outdoor clothing every Wednesday** from next week. Wellies are not always good for keeping feet warm so we recommend warm socks, sturdy footwear and plenty of warm layers to cope with the cold conditions outside.

PE Kits

Please ensure that children have PE kits in school all week. We will not go outside if it's too cold so this may mean changing our PE days occasionally. Some parents have reported that they are missing PE items; please can everyone check at home and send anything in that may have been brought home by mistake. **It is essential that children have full PE kit in school** to participate in this important part of the curriculum.

Curriculum Letters

You will receive a letter next week describing curriculum plans for your child's class this term. The letter will outline the main learning and activities to be covered in maths, English, history, geography and other areas such as RE, computing and art.



Diary dates

- Wednesday 11th January: Forest School sessions start for Year 5 (6 weeks)
- Tuesday 24th January: Fire Service visiting Buttercup, Daisy and Ivy classes for 45 minute fire safety workshops
- Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet and Anti-Bullying Day 2017
- Monday 20th February: half-term break
- Monday 27th February: school closed for INSET
- Tuesday 28th February: pupils return to school for 2nd half of Spring Term and Book Week
- Wednesday 1st March: Storyteller Workshops (KS1 and KS2)
- Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
- Monday 13th March: Scholastics Book Fair at school all week
- Monday 10th April: Easter holidays begin
- Monday 24th April: pupils return to school for Summer Term
- Monday 1st May: bank holiday
- Monday 8th May: SATS Week (Year 6 national tests in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling).

Yours sincerely,

Scott Reece