



Dear parents, welcome back after what I hope was a magical Christmas break for you and your family. May I just take the time to wish you all a very happy new year and start to a brand new decade! The children have settled back into their school routines beautifully, full of exciting stories from their break. We are very excited for spring term as we find that the children really rocket, making lots of progress. Our main subject has a history focus entitled 'Who were the Greatest Explorers?' where we shall learn about explorers past and present that have made big contributions to the wider world. We shall be starting a new novel study now that we have completed Wilf, called 'The Royal Rabbits of London' by Santa and Simon Montefiore. As mentioned in my last newsletter, please do not be tempted to buy this book and read ahead at home, however if the children really enjoy this book, I believe they have just released book 4 now in this series! We are very much missing Miss Wildgoose who is currently undertaking a second school placement but are looking forward to welcoming her back for the start of term 4. Mrs Green will be continuing to teach the children on a Monday afternoon whilst I complete my PPA. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to come and speak to me as I am available before and after school on the playground or you can communicate via your school's reading diary. Many thanks for your continued support, Class Morocco team.

Volunteering

Any support is greatly welcomed. Whether it is time to hear children read or work with children during afternoon activities. Please speak to a member of the team about these opportunities.

Homework

Daily reading

Weekly maths, English/topic and reading on a 3 week cycle, set on a Friday, usually due back the following Thursday. We appreciate you supporting your child in this vital consolidation work.

Physical Education

Please ensure your child has a **named** full kit in school all week.

Children will have a weekly outdoor session (weather permitting) so please ensure correct footwear and warm sports clothing are sent in.

Curriculum Info

Full details of our curriculum learning taking place this term is listed on the curriculum map sent out with this newsletter.

Any books, additional work or further information that the children want to bring in relating to any aspects of our learning for this term is always welcomed and celebrated with the children.

Reading & Phonics

Daily reading at home and practising high frequency words and phonics is a vital part of homework for KS1 children. Please try to read **every day** with your child and record this in their reading record.

Children will only change their books if it has been signed by an adult. Children are also encouraged to choose and change their book independently.

To help develop their reading skills further, ask the children questions about the characters or plot and see if you can find new vocabulary in the book to discuss!