Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year!

Welcome back to a new term in Ladybird Class. This letter will give you a reminder of some of our routines along with any updates since last term.

School reminders:

<u>A water bottle</u> - Every child is encouraged to bring their own named water bottle to school so that they can help themselves to a drink when necessary. Please note that this must only contain water. We have had a few spillages when the bottles are placed in the children's school bags so it may be helpful to put them inside a sandwich bag.

<u>Appropriate clothing</u> - Please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing in school each day. Also, please make sure that all items of clothing are named.

Reading record, Phonics books and Library book - Your child should now have their reading record book, two phonics books and a library book at home. Please try and read the phonics books every evening for 5-10 minutes and write comments in their book detailing the page that you have read to, any comments your child made and how they read. Also, stuck inside the reading record are the challenge activities which can be completed together with any reading that you do.

Homework

Alongside their regular reading practice, every week your child will be given a set of rainbow spellings to practise at home. There will also be online Maths tasks assigned to Active Learn throughout the half term.

<u>Wow Moments</u> Please continue to use the Ladybird email address to forward your child's photographs or videos from home! The children love sharing these with their friends in class.

<u>PE</u> - Your child's PE lessons are on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please continue to send your child into school in their PE kit on these days.





Other:

Reading bears - This half term, we will be introducing two reading bears which two children will take home each weekend to share stories with and promote a love of reading. When your child is selected to take one of these home, please ensure they are looked after. You may also wish to take a photograph of your child with the bear so that they can share their experience with the class. Please return the bears on <u>Monday</u> so that they can be quarantined ready to be sent out again the following week.

Finally, from this half term onwards your child will be spending more time within Bumblebee Class to ease with transition next academic year.



If you have any questions or queries, then please contact me via the school office.



Many thanks, Miss Nicolson