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Welcome Back and Happy New Year to you all!

We are now entering your child's second term at school! How time flies!

We know the children are happy and settled and we aim to continue with our super ethos this year.

We have a new role play area in the classroom---Arctic Explorer's Area- this links in to our visit from Explorer Paul Rose last term. We hope to focus as much work as possible on this topic. The area has clip boards and notebooks and the children are encouraged to write independently about what they can see, what they need and where they are going to explore.

We will really focus on consolidating our handwriting this term, ensuring that all of our letters are formed correctly. The children are progressing extremely well and we are very proud of them.

The children will be divided into groups for phonics, some children are confidently moving into phase 3 phonics. In this they learn the diagraphs---ai---oo---ow---igh---ir---er---ar---oa---. We are also learning trickier words. The children will be encouraged to sound out the words as they hear them and then write them.

I like to work ahead of the reading scheme; this ensures that once your child is on a book they will have the confidence to tackle the text. Please continue to hear your child read regularly and please talk about the stories. It is essential that children understand what they are reading.

In Numeracy we will continue to consolidate our number knowledge. It is essential that we provide the children with as many opportunities as we can to play around with numbers and understand them. Using practical equipment, combining 2 groups of numbers, using language of 'more or less' and 'counting on' using our number lines.

We like to embark on number work outside. Mr Goostry will continue to take the children in the big woods on a Tuesday and in this session he will be completing some number work. Please continue to send a change of clothes on a Tuesday.

We hope to continue with our positive, happy classroom and we thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Karen Haigh and Machala Lilley.