Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We were so happy to see the children return to school after an exciting Christmas break. Please find attached the topic plan for this term.

We have a busy term ahead of us. Our topic focus before half term will be will be Dinosaurs and then after half term we will set off into Space. The children are already loving the work that they are doing with Miss Dudley about dinosaurs and we are very excited that Mr Mitchell is coming into class to talk about fossils next week.

Forest School will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon, please make sure your child has their wellies in school. We will also need coats, hats and gloves as the weather gets colder. We will go down every week unless it is really windy or pouring with rain.

PE will be on a Wednesday morning, please send your child into school in their PE kit with a t-shirt in their house colour. This half term we will have dance on a Friday as well so we will need PE kits on Friday as well. The children had their first dance session this morning and they loved it!

This term we will start some simple spellings, Spellings will be checked on a Thursday afternoon or a Friday morning with the words for the following week in book bags on a Friday. We will have our first list of spellings to be learnt next Friday, the spelling tests are completed in a very sensitive way but please let us know if your child is worrying about it.

This half term we are planning to read with every child on either a Monday or a Tuesday. Please share these books during the week and we will check and change books Friday, we will only give children who have read their books twice at home a new book for the weekend. The children who read regularly at home are the one who are making the most progress. Please write a message in the diary (or tick or initial) to show us that your child has read. Please also keep the books in the book bags and send them in every day as we are hoping to be able to do extra reading with children throughout the week while Miss Dudley is teaching.

Don’t forget to send us some pictures on Tapestry if your child does anything amazing or you have some fun family adventures over the weekend or half term. We will update the accounts as well with the activities that we do at school.

As always please see me if you have any concerns

Best wishes

Cat Whyte