

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all have had a very relaxing few weeks over the holiday period, and that you've already had an excellent start to the New Year! After a fantastic Autumn term, I'm excited to begin a new year of learning in Flamingo Class. Please take a few moments to read the following information.

Thank you all for your support and interest in our projects so far this year, and I'll look forward to sharing more with you this term.

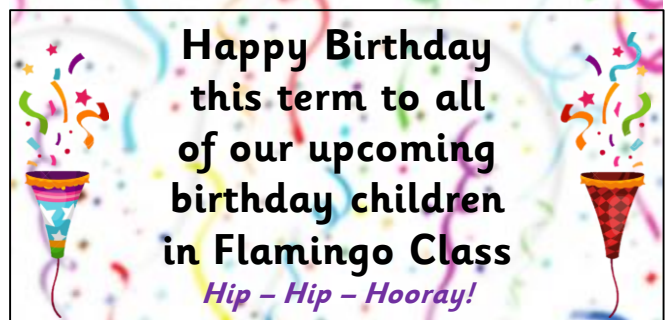
## Important notices:

### Hats at Playtimes:

Many children are frequently without hats at playtimes. Please do ensure that your child has a hat with them each day, as we do not allow children to play in the sun without them. If you would prefer to keep at hat at school, I am happy to provide a 'Hat Box' for ease. One less thing to remember!

### Water bottles:

Water will continue to be available if your child runs out of water during the day, courtesy of the PTA water coolers. However, please try to send a large enough bottle that refills are the exception rather than the norm.



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## General reminders:



**PE** will continue to take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings. Children should come to school in their PE kits and change after the lesson. Please ensure that your child brings their water bottle and hat on these days.

**Homework:** After a stop-start term of homework, I hope to make the routines at little easier for the children (and myself!). All homework will be **set on a Thursday** and is **due the following Wednesday**. This includes weekly Maths, Topic and Spellings homework. Guided Reading homework will continue to be set after I have read with a group and should be returned a week after issue.

## Curriculum and Topic information:

**Topics this term:** Flamingo class will be exploring two new topics this term. We will be learning lots about **Moving and Growing** in the first half term. In this science-based topic, children will discover how the skeletal and muscular systems work in humans and animals. After the mid term break, your child will become junior archaeologists, as we try to uncover the history of **Ancient Rome**. The children will consider how we can find out about the past by looking at what has survived from ancient civilisations. As before, our Art & Design, Literacy, Science and Social Studies will be taught through these topics. I will send home a full curriculum map for each topic, with specific details of how each subject will be taught.

**Reading:** Please ensure that your child's reading book comes into school each day, whether they are reading from the library or enjoying books from home. I've been extremely impressed with all of the Guided Reading homework, which has produced some creative and thoughtful responses. These questions are intended to be thought provoking and often ask for evidence from the text to justify an answer. These skills will become increasingly important as your child moves through school.

**Parent volunteers:** I have appreciated the support many parents over the Autumn term, both in-class and with our trip. During the Spring and Summer terms, we will be undertaking a number of educational visits to support our learning. We require a small number of parents to assist with transportation and supervision on these days. Please keep an eye out for information on these trips and I thank you in advance for your help!

	8.15-8:45		8:45 – 9:55			10:25 – 11:25	11:30 – 12:30		1:15 – 2:05	2:05 – 3:00		
<b>M</b>	Handwriting	Circle time/ Class Assembly	Topic (Science, Art & Design, Social Studies, RE)		Morning Break	Literacy	Numeracy	Lunch	Guided Reading	Science		
<b>T</b>	Mental Maths	PE		Literacy		Numeracy	Guided Reading		Computing			
<b>W</b>	Assembly	Spelling Tests	Topic (Science, Art & Design, Social Studies, RE)			Literacy	Numeracy		Music	Spanish		
<b>T</b>	Kung-Fu Punctuation	PE		Literacy		Numeracy	Spanish Immersion		Art & Design Technology			
<b>F</b>	Mathletics	Spelling Practice	Science or Topic (Science, Art & Design, Social Studies, RE)			Literacy	Numeracy		Celebration Assembly	Finishing off time	Golden Time	

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns which you would like to raise, please see me in class before or after school. I am always happy to make an appointment to speak if you require.  
~ Mr Toby.