January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, as a team we would like to welcome both you and your child back to school and wish you a Happy New Year after what was hopefully a restful winter break. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an insight into what your child will be learning at school this term and how you can best support them at home.

Both your child’s Reading and Writing sessions at school will centre around the story ***Poles Apart and Dear Greenpeace.*** This book is available on many online resources, such as YouTube, and there are also copies in the library for your child to familiarise themselves with the story and its characters. This is **not** compulsory but would benefit your child if you are able to do so.

In phonics your child will be continuing Teacher Set 2 part of the code. A reminder that the flashcards (set 2) and sound mats 1,2,3 and 4 are on the school website.

<https://drove-pri.swindon.sch.uk/learning-and-education/phonics>

In Science, this term our focus is everyday materials and we will be working scientifically to conduct experiments on a range of materials and report our findings. Geography will be based around the topic of ‘What do I need to wear today’ and your child will develop their understanding of weather patterns.

Computing will focus on programming and your child will learn to programme a robot.

PE will be on a Wednesday so please remember that your child is expected to **bring** their PE kit into school. It is essential that your child now gets changed in school as we would like to support your child to develop their independent self-care skills. We recommend that your child brings in a clearly labelled bottle of water, which will be kept in the classroom, so that they have access to a drink at all times.

Homework will continue as it has been over the past two terms, set on a Friday and required to be returned on the following Wednesday. In Term 3 there will continue to be weekly spellings set for your child to learn, they will be tested on these spellings in school on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team, Mrs Willoughby (1W) Ms Smith (1S) Mrs Phillips and Mrs Kearns (1KP)