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Happy New Year!

We hope that you are all managing to keep positive and safe throughout this 3rd period of national lockdown. We know life at the moment is tough but we would want you to know that we are here for you. Whether you need support with food or finances, home learning or routines for your children or even just someone to talk to, please do ring the school office on 610212 and we will do everything we can to help you.

PLACES IN SCHOOL

We know many of you are keen for your children to be back in school, and we also want this too! However, at the moment, the Government has been very clear that school places are only available to children in EYFS, those whose parents are keyworkers and / or are deemed in need of a place because they have SEND or other needs. We are aware many of you know of families who are in school and are ringing to ask for places for your own children. Unless you/your child meet the criteria, we are not allowed to give your child a place in school: these are not our rules, they are the Government's rules. You may not always know of specific reasons why some children are in school while yours are not but we would ask that you trust us; we are following the guidance we have to follow carefully.

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING ABOUT?

Each year group has new exciting themes they will be learning about this half term. To try to make things easier for those learning from home, the whole school will be learning about the same subject areas at the same time. We hope this is helpful. Our focus for the next few weeks this half term will be:

Week 1 - Geography

Week 2 – History

Week 3 – Science

Week 4 – Art and Design Technology

Week 5 – Religious Education

All year groups will be learning about topics under each of these subjects and the home learning packs will clearly show the focus each week.

As usual, we have a different word of the week to also focus on.

For this half term, these will be:

Fair, Bookworms, Scientists, Cheerful and Gifted.

Any help and support you can give your child at home around these topics / with Learning at home work and especially lots and lots of reading is very much appreciated and WILL make a big difference to their progress.

Remember that support from teachers and our associate staff team is only a phone call away. If your child is struggling with their learning, make sure you speak to a member of their team at pack pick-up / drop-off on a Thursday or phone school.

Thankyou for your support, as always.
Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SPRING 1 & 2

Our focus for School Development this half term has been READING AND PHONICS. Next half term, we will be developing our approaches to MATHS and DEEPER LEARNING / CHALLENGE.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close at 12noon on Friday 12th February and will reopen for our Keyworker provision on Monday 22nd February.

HEALTH AND FITNESS AT HOME

We know many of our pupils are missing out on attending clubs at the moment because of Covid restrictions, and also pupils isolating at home are not able to exercise outside of the home.

Exercise is so important to our physical and mental health, especially at the moment. Please log on to:

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

for lots of live stream videos you can access at home.

Friday Fancy Dress Fun!

We hope you have been enjoying taking part in our Friday Fancy Dress Fun days this half term! We would like to continue with these in Spring 2. Every Friday we will aim to dress up – watch out for texts with further info. We hope you join in at home too!

ICY PATHS

Our new site manager has been working very hard to keep our site safe for us all by clearing icy and snow-covered paths on site. He has also been keeping our site litter free. For paths outside of our school fencing, these are the responsibility of the Council. When it is icy, you can contact the Council and request gritting by going to this link: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/emergencies/winter-and-gritting/gritting-request-form/> Or search Google with 'Bradford Council Gritting' and clicking 'Request Gritting'.

COVID CLOSURES

Remember that, **if you or anyone in your family has possible Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change of smell or taste) you MUST go to <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> to get your symptoms checked. DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE THIS.** This will guide you through what to do to keep yourself and others around you safe. If you cannot access this, call 111. You can ask for an interpreter if you are happier speaking in your first language. **Even if your child is not in school at the moment, it is still important we know so we can track and trace contacts to keep everyone safe. Thankyou.**

STAY SAFE! REMEMBER: HANDS:FACE:SPACE!