



Gusford Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Christmas holiday and wish you all a Happy New Year!

We are now beginning the Spring Term and have attached an overview of the term which details the topics your child will be learning about over the next few weeks.

Reading

We would like to ask that you continue to encourage your child to read as frequently as possible and record any comments in your child's Reading Record Book. There is no specific expectation of how often this should be, but your child will benefit from regular reading with an adult. Please also remember that it may be that an older sibling, grandparent or relative enjoys hearing your child read and their comments can also be recorded. We would remind you that your child's Reading Record Book and reading books should be in school every day as we will continue to attempt to hear your child read individually at least once a week. The children are encouraged to inform us when they need to change one or both of their reading books and we will arrange for this to be done at the earliest opportunity. The reading homework task will start again from week beginning the 9th January.

PE

The days that the children are scheduled to have PE have changed this term and are as follows;

Kangaroos (Ms Gray): Tuesday and Friday

Rhinos (Mr Davies): Wednesday and Friday

Tigers (Miss Cumberland): Tuesday and Friday

However, children should have their **full PE kit in school all week** as PE days might need to change or we could undertake extra sessions. Sometimes, we have found that children have elements of their kit missing (for example trainers or plimsolls) which are essential if we do PE outdoors. We obviously want all children to participate in all PE lessons and, with only limited spare PE kit available, this can cause problems. We would therefore kindly ask that you check that your child has their complete PE kit each week.

We would also ask that **all of their PE kit be named** to prevent kit being lost, mislaid or confused with someone else's. Children with long hair should have it tied up or bring a band to tie it up with and all earrings and jewellery should be removed. If your child finds it difficult to take out



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their own earrings it may be better to remove these before school on the days your child has PE, or alternatively ensure your child has some tape or plasters to cover their earrings to prevent injury.

And Finally...

Our aim is to ensure a calm, purposeful start to each day and help prepare Year 2 for the transition to Juniors, when they will be expected to go into the school gates on their own. To this end we would like to remind parents to remain with their children on the tarmac part of the playground until the whistle blows. Then, only the children should move forward to line up in front of the steps. If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please give it to the teacher on duty before the whistle goes, and they will ensure that it is passed on. Please also refrain from trying to get your child's attention through the windows of the classroom, as it disrupts them and other children in the class.

We hope this helps provides an initial overview of the term to come and thank you for your continued support.

Ms Gray,
Mr Davies
Miss Cumberland