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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring Term! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and may I wish you all a very Happy new Year ☺

Please remember, the school is open from 8:50am and registration is at 9am. Again I would be very grateful if you could aim to have your children in class as close to this time as possible. Now that the children have had time to settle into class I would appreciate it if you could say goodbye to our child at the classroom door, allowing them to enter independently and complete the requested tasks of the day. If you wish to speak to me, I would appreciate it if you were able to catch me at the end of the day or arrange an appointment with the office for a private meeting. If your child is being collected by another adult or they need to leave early for an appointment, please inform the office and they will pass a message onto myself during break.

Both myself and the supporting members of staff will be aiming to hear your child read on a 1:1 basis as often as possible. This may be first thing in the morning or during free periods throughout the day. Children will also receive a daily guided reading session where they will be taught reading strategies. Every time your child is listened to the adult will write in their reading record and initial it accordingly.

On the odd occasion I may set a homework task. This will usually be linked to the current theme or could be a task to keep them on track during the holidays.

I will be working alongside Mrs Smith who will be teaching the class every Thursday afternoon whilst I am out of class for planning release. If you would like to speak to me during this time feel free to make an appointment at the office. I will also be supported by Mrs Cooper (Monday – Friday morning) and Miss Taylor (throughout the week). Miss Taylor has joined us for the next nine weeks. She is currently completing her final year of a three year teaching degree and will be increasing the amount of teaching hours throughout the term. Miss Taylor will be supported by myself during this time but will be given the opportunity to teach and manage the class without my supervision allowing her to experience what it is like to lead her own class. During this time, Mrs Cooper will remain in class as her teaching assistant.

Our theme this term is 'Superheroes' which will see us through to the Easter holidays. I have planned a large amount of lessons around this theme which will progress from fictional heroes, to historical heroes and will finish with heroes of today. I have already planned a trip which will be on Friday 10th February. Our BIG QUESTION is 'What makes a hero to you?' so please feel free to discuss this at home.

The children will continue with weekly spelling tests. I am very pleased to see how well they have been doing so far and grateful for your support at home to ensure they come to class ready and confident with their words. This is evident within their class based writing, but please keep practising these words at home even if they have spelled them correctly during their test as this will help them retain what they have learnt. Please check in their reading records the words they are required to learn and the date they will be tested as this may change, however I will try to keep it as a weekly occurrence on a Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you for your continued support,

Claire Pickering, Alison Cooper and Victoria Taylor

