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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break.

Please find attached the planning overview for this half term by subject. Our Topic this half term is 'Winter Wonderland' and we are looking forward to exploring the texts 'Storm Whale in Winter', 'Stick Man' and 'Mog's Christmas'. In History, the children are already very excited to be finding out about the sinking of the Titanic.

Homework will continue to consist of a maths sheet each week, sent home on Thursdays. It is expected that you are also reading at home regularly with your child – the reading books are changed regularly and will continue to consist of one 'Read, Write Inc.' Phonics book plus a 'Book bag Book' (that matches the sound featured in the Phonics book) as well as a library book. Regular use of 'Nessy' at home, for 10 minutes each time, will also help to improve reading. It is a great programme that is tailored to each child's reading ability and progresses at their own rate. To login at home, google search Nessy login on your browser, then select new login. The secret word is 'jellytoast' and then your child will need to select their emojis – this is on the inside cover of their reading record. Please let me know if you have any problems logging in at home and we will help.

In School, we use a Maths Scheme called 'White Rose Maths' which encourages the children to think critically to solve problems. There is a White Rose app that I would like the children to use at home called 'One Minute Maths' – they can use it to practice a wide range of maths skills, improving their speed and fluency. This half term, we are focussing on 'Addition and Subtraction' so this would be a great topic to select on the app at home. Please let us know how you get on with this.

If you have any questions, however small, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. White. Thank you for your continued support as always!

Kind regards,

Karen Blythe & Fi White

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