Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely half term. We are excited for another busy and exciting spring term in year 1.

Curriculum update
This term in geography, we will be focusing on local history. We will be taking a trip to Berkhamsted Castle to look at the history of castles, where we can also enjoy a picnic! More details about this trip will be coming soon.

In science, we will be continuing to research everyday materials. We are going to be basing our investigation lessons around helping a teddy bear find out which materials are most suitable for different jobs. The children will be using shoeboxes to create a teddy bear's home, in which they will add something at the end of each lesson based on what they found out in the investigation (e.g. they add curtains made from an opaque material). They will have the opportunity to play with their teddy boxes through continuous provision and will be able to take them home at the end of the unit.

Mr Jones will continue to teach PE on a Thursday (Wagtail) and Friday (Kingfisher), and the children will be indoors doing dance with a zoo theme. In addition to the PE lesson with Mr Jones, PE will continue on a Tuesday afternoon, where we will be looking at ball (hands) skills.

Home learning will continue to go out on Fridays and be due back on Tuesdays. Please ensure this is completed. We will continue to share our 'learning headlines' with you on a Friday within the home learning.

Reading and library
Please continue to read with your child every day at home and mark in their reading record how they get on. If the children have been given any flashcards, please ensure these are practised daily along with reading.

The children will have the opportunity to visit the library on Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that these library books are either returned or kept in the children's book bags when they are ready to exchange them.

Forest school
Forest school rotation continues to take place on a Monday afternoon. We do go outside whatever the weather, so please ensure your child has waterproof trousers and wellies on the day. Please can all children have a suitable coat and water bottle in school every day. Here is the timetable until half term:

Year 1 Mondays	Roc	Griffin	Phoenix
23/02/2026	Forest School	Music/RE	Music/RE
02/03/2026	RE/Music	Forest School	RE/Music
09/03/2026	Music/RE	Music/RE	Forest School
16/03/2026	Forest School	Music/RE	Music/RE
23/03/2026	RE/Music	Forest School	RE/Music

Diary Dates	Event
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 3rd March - Friday 6th March	Book fair
Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March	Assessment week
Tuesday 24th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 26th March	Parents Evening
Date TBC	Visit to Berkhamsted Castle
Friday 27th April	End of term (1pm)

Thank you for your support through the Autumn term. If you have any questions or queries then please contact us via email.

Many thanks,

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