Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break with your families. We are looking forward to an exciting spring term in year 1.

Curriculum Update

Our topic this term 'Berkhamsted - Our Home Town' will focus on local history, starting with Berkhamsted Castle. We'll also be looking at the history of castles stretching back to the Norman Conquest as well as how homes in Berkhamsted have developed over time. We are very fortunate to have so much history on our doorstep!

In science, we will be researching everyday materials. We will identify and name a variety of materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. The children will describe the physical properties of a variety of materials and compare and group them.

Mr Jones will continue to teach PE on Thursday mornings for Wagtail and Friday mornings for Kingfisher, with lessons taking place indoors and focusing on gymnastics. In addition, PE will also now be taught on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Berry or Miss Dewick. This half term we'll be outside covering ball skills so please ensure your child comes to school dressed in a navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms as per our uniform guidance.

The timetable we shared in September at 'Meet the Teacher' remains largely the same but the added PE session does mean the children will have slightly less 'exploring' time per week. Hopefully the active nature of the added session will limit the impact and realisation for the children!

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. Please ensure the reading books sent home are returned as we have a limited number of books available in certain phases.

The children will continue to have the opportunity to visit the library on a Tuesday afternoon. We would like the children to change their 'reading for pleasure' book regularly so please ensure these come into school when they need changing.

Bringing Toys into School

We have recently experienced children bringing in toys from home which often get lost at school. Please could your child keep toys at home so they do not lose anything valuable to them. We have explained to both classes that 'show and tell' is for something exciting they have done outside of school like a certificate or adventure they have been on. The children may want to share something they have worked hard to create.

Lost property

Now it is winter, we have accumulated a large amount of lost property (especially gloves, scarves and hats). Unfortunately, lots of it looks fairly new and without a name we cannot return it to the children. If you think that your child may have lost an item of uniform, we have kept it in the year 1 area - please feel free to ask us to pop by after school one day to have a look through it.

Forest School

Forest school rotation continues to take place on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has named wellies and waterproofs in school, particularly if they took these home over the Christmas holidays. Here is the timetable until half term.

Year 1 Mondays	Roc	Griffin	Phoenix
12/01/2026	RE/Music	Forest School	RE/Music
19/01/2026	Music/RE	Music/RE	Forest School
26/01/2026	Forest School	Music/RE	Music/RE
02/02/2026	RE/Music	Forest School	RE/Music
09/02/2026	Music/RE	Music/RE	Forest School

Diary Dates	Event
Monday 12th January	'Be Inclusive, Be Yellow'
Wednesday 21st January	Everyone Active - Taster session
Friday 13th February	Half-term

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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