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Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

PE this term is on a Thursday and we will be doing gymnastics indoors. PE kits were left in the classroom over the holidays but have now been returned. Please wash and return them by next Thursday. Your child will still need their studded boots and a tracksuit in school for use at break times and to join in with the organised lunch time game tournaments. Please ensure outdoor kits are kept in an appropriately sized kit bag (no plastic carriers please!) on your child's peg and contain a fully labelled set of kit. Please be aware that children who do not have the correct kit will be unable to join in with field games.

The children have the opportunity to change their books on a daily basis. If you have read with your child at home and you would like them to change their book please ensure you sign their reading record and remind them to place their book in the swap box. I assess your child's reading every Monday and change their reading band accordingly whenever necessary. Should you have any queries about your child's reading level please come to see me directly as I do not always have the opportunity to read notes in their reading record.

Spellings home will commence week beginning 11 January. These will be based on the phonics we are learning in class each week. Please support your child with their spellings – it makes a huge difference!

We have a really busy half term with lots of exciting things going on. On Monday 18 January we are visiting the Thackery museum in Leeds to explore the life and times of Florence Nightingale to link with our 'people who help' topic. The Zulus are visiting the school on Friday 5 February – the children will experience interactive activities, singing and dancing all lead by the traditional African tribe. On January 25 we have a planetarium in school and we will continue a week on a space and planets theme following this.

Our main topic this term is 'People who help', we will be exploring people in the school, at home and in the community and looking at what they do to help us in our day to day lives. The focus will be on people who help us stay safe and healthy and this will link to our history topic – Florence Nightingale. In science and DT will be investigating materials.

As a final note I would like to thank all of the parents who continue to offer their time and support to make our class visits possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Fisher