



**PEAR CLASS**  
**MRS BOSWELL**  
**& MRS AVIS**

## Brrrrr!

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready to start the New Year feeling fully refreshed.

Our topic this term is 'Brrrrr!' and we will be reading *The Great Explorer* by Chris Judge.

In Science we will be exploring Earth by looking at day and night, seasonal changes and what the Earth is made of. In Geography we will be identifying the continents and where the North Pole is. We will explore the Arctic in great detail, including famous Arctic explorers. If you have any books or topic related resources that your child would like to share with the class then please send them in but please ensure they are named.

We have really noticed a difference with the children's focus during their first week back. They are embracing a more structured routine and are challenging themselves with their work.

To challenge your child further at home, ask them to find "special friends" in words they read in different environments. This will help them to identify all sounds in words when reading and writing.

If you would like more details on how phonics is taught, or have any other questions, our door is always open so please pop in after school!

**Mrs Boswell and Mrs Avis**

**This term's  
Christian value  
is:**

**Courage**

### Dates for your diary

**22<sup>nd</sup> January - World Cup Cricket at Kingshill School  
3.45- 5.30 (more information to follow for selected  
children)**

**8<sup>th</sup> February - School Disco - KS1 5.30-6.30**

**15<sup>th</sup> February -END OF TERM**

### **Routines**

#### Physical Education

**Monday** afternoons will be an outdoor session. Please ensure you send your child with a complete, named P.E. kit to include warm clothes.

#### Homework

The children are very excited to hear they will be given homework this term. Each week the children will bring home spellings to practise and maths activities to reinforce what has been taught that week. This is in addition to reading at home on a daily basis. Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due back in school on a Wednesday.

#### Grab a grown up

Grab a grown up sessions will start again this term. The dates are:

Thursdays 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January, and 14<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to sharing your child's work with you.

#### General Reminders

We had lots of un-named uniform, PE kit and drinks bottles left in school at the end of term. This has now been placed in the lost property box outside the classroom. Please ensure your child's items are named so we can return them to you more quickly.

#### Reading

A gentle reminder that we aim to read with your child at least once a week so please ensure your child brings their reading record and books in every day.