



Why is our World Wonderful?

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and that Santa brought you lots of amazing presents! Thank you so much for our lovely gifts!

We are now launching our new topic 'Why is our World Wonderful?' We will be learning all about our amazing world and some of the different places around the globe, focusing on Africa as we read 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Splash! Anna Hibiscus!' After the success of our two class chapter books, we will be reading 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown this term.

We will be exploring seasonal changes during our Welly Walks this term, looking at signs of Winter and noticing the differences between the different seasons. We will be walking to St Mary's Church later in the term for a visit and will notice different buildings in Tetbury as we walk.

Please see our 'Topic Web' for more information 🌐

If you have any question please contact us on Tapestry or email reception@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk and a member of the team will respond as soon as they can.

Mrs Boswell, Miss Kister, Mrs Bell, Miss Woodman, Mrs Freeman, and Mrs Avis 😊

Term dates

Thursday 5th January – Gloucester Cricket sessions start (6 weeks)

Wednesday 11th January – EYFS reading breakfast

Friday 13th January – The return of 'Grab a Grown Up!'

Monday 23rd January – IsingPop in school

Friday 27th January – Grab a grown Up!

Thursday 2nd February – IsingPop concerts

Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day

Friday 10th February – Grab a Grown Up!

Fri 17th February - End of term

Mon 27th February – Start of Term 4

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW ABOUT THESE EVENTS!

Grab a Grown Up is back! You are invited into the classrooms at 8.40am once a fortnight to see what we have been up to!

Our C at the heart of Collective Worship this term is 'Curiosity'.



Routines

PE

Focused teaching of PE will be on a Tuesday. Please remember to wear PE kit to school and bring uniform and shoes in your PE bag each week.

Den (Library)

Cherry Class will now visit the den every Wednesday. Please send your child's library book back each week so they can swap it – it will be in their bookbags.

Read Write Inc Phonics

The children were assessed at the end of last term to identify which sounds and knowledge they have retained. They will be taught in phonics groups tailored to their needs.

A reminder

Children will need a suitable coat and hat/scarves/gloves etc at school every day as we play on the field in all weathers.

Reading

Reading books should be in school daily and will be changed once a week. We will change books that have been read at home so please make sure you record in the yellow reading record. Reading is a vital life skill so hear your child read at home at least 3 times a week to support their learning at school.