



Year 1/2
2024 - 2025
Spring Term

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and the children enjoyed their well-deserved rest. Thank you so much for all our cards and presents- it was very kind of you.

Topic

Our topic for this term is a history topic 'Travel and Transport'. We are going to be learning about aeroplanes, trains, cars and boats and how they have developed over time. There is going to be a specific focus on transport in our locality and we will be researching the Rolls-Royce garage and how they have developed over the years. Our trip is going to be to the Rolls-Royce to have a tour of the garage and cars and discover from the experts, how this mode of transport has changed over time and how they run. We will also be visiting the GRIDSERVE garage to learn all about electric vehicles and how they are shaping the future.

Reading

We will continue to try to hear the children read two times a week in class and change their books when they can read them fluently, so please make sure they have their diaries and books in their bags as often as possible. Please, please, please wherever possible, read with your child every day at home. It is the single thing which makes a MASSIVE difference to their confidence, achievement and ability to access learning in the classroom. Please encourage them to use their phonics to sound out words and not sound out individual letters unless it will help them read the word.

SMART

Please remember to make use of the SMART apps for which we pay the children's subscriptions (DoodleLearning). DoodleLearning has four separate apps: DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and DoodleTables. The children's DoodleLearning login is the same for all the apps, and they're all great to help fill any gaps.

I will do my best to post on Dojo as often as possible, but I can't promise it will be done every day.

If you ever have any concerns or worries, please pop me a message on Dojo or you can email me, and we can arrange a meeting to get your worries resolved.

Thank you for continued support and I am looking forward to another exciting and busy term ahead of us!

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