

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning this half term. Our topic this term is 'Wheels, Wings and other things'.

**English:** - This week we will be writing recounts about our Christmas holiday and will be starting our new book.

**Phonics:** - We will review the sounds from last term and practice adding sound buttons to words.

**Maths:** - We will be recapping numbers to 20 and recapping making 10 (e.g. 3 + 7)

**Music:** - We will be learning to listen and appraise the song 'Rhythm in the way we walk'.

**Art:** - We will be looking at different styles of landscape art and will be sorting them into landscape and non-landscape pictures.

**RE:** - We will be starting our unit on Judaism and will be looking at our own special books. Please send in a book that is special to your child e.g. Books gifted on a special occasion, favourite story book, photo books, books bought on a special holiday.

**PSHE:** - We will be thinking about setting simple goals and will be talking about things which we are good at.

**Science:** - We will be starting a new unit on plants this term.

**Geography:** - We will be sharing what we already know about the world that we live in and will be having discussions about what else we would like to find out about the world.

**At home you could:**

- Please continue to read your reading books - even if it is just for five minutes per day. Remember - reading the same book is a positive thing! It helps to develop fluency and confidence.
- We will be looking at landscape in Art this term. Can you research Monet and his cityscapes - do you have a favourite one? Can you recreate one of his images?
- Write a shopping list together this week - can you think of any other purposes for writing?

**Notice:**

PE- Multi Sports Thursday

Staff changes: Mrs Burton is moving from Hedgehog class to support in Year 2. I'm sure you have appreciated all her support and help over the Autumn term. Miss Nicholls is moving into Hedgehogs to replace Mrs Burton. If you don't already know her, please do say hello.

**Diary Dates**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Start of spring term, normal time.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Safeguarding Session for Volunteers

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Visit to Brooklands Museum

Thank you,  
The Year 1 Team