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Spring 1

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Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and enjoyed spending time with your friends and family.

We look forward to another busy term ahead where we will be learning and exploring all about Winter and what it means to the children. The children have created the above big question which will lead our learning this half term. We will be using the story 'Lost and Found' written by Oliver Jeffers to guide our learning and discussions as we explore what Winter is like in the Antarctic, comparing this to the Isle of Man. We will also be having a big focus on science this half term as we explore ice, water and investigating changes. We will be testing materials that are waterproof and floating and sinking. These investigations will help us create our own boats. We will continue with phase 2 and 3 Monster Phonics and hope you have all been practising the new sounds and tricky words we have sent home. This is really important to your child's development.

We will send out more information about visits and trips when we have dates and information confirmed.

Miss Longshaw and Mrs Callow

New Children

A big welcome to Esther who has joined St Martha.

Coats and Jumpers

As we are in Winter, please ensure your child has a named coat in school.

Reading

Children read with a member of staff as often as possible. Please ensure books and records are in bags each day. Also, please ensure your child's Reading Record has been signed by a parent/guardian.

Visits/Stay and Learn Sessions

Wildlife Park - TBC.

Phonics - stay and learn session - date tbc.

If anybody has any connections with a vet that would be willing to come into school to talk about their job, could you please let us know.

Tapestry

We have been using Tapestry as a form of documenting your child's learning journey since starting school.

To access your child's account please follow the link sent from Tapestry. It may have gone into junk email. The link will be sent by Monday 15th January.

RE

In our RE sessions we will be talking about different types of celebrations. If you have any photos of going to parties, weddings, baptisms etc that you are happy to share with the class and have on our display boards please will you give to your class teacher.