



BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear KS1 Families,

Welcome back! First of all, we want to say a huge thank you for your kind words and generous gifts for Christmas, they were truly appreciated. We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break with your friends and families, and we wish you a Happy New Year. May 2025 be everything you wish for.

This half term the topics are 'Our World' and 'Weather'. We will be carrying out weather diaries throughout this half term to help us understand different weather patterns throughout this season. In Year 2, we will be learning about the different continents, oceans and the different weather all around the world.

At the end of this half term, we will be visiting the Milestones Museum, as a hook for our topic in Spring 2, 'Britain in our Grandparents Day'. We will be taking part in workshops while we are there to get a better understanding of what life was like in Britain in the past. You would have received the letter for this and if you wish for your child to attend the trip please log into Arbor and pay by Tuesday 28th January.

Along with this letter, you will receive the home learning ideas for this half term. Please do remember to read every night at home and log onto Mathletics and/or Times Tables Rock Stars (Year 2).

Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is suitable for learners aged 6 years and up (Year 2 onwards). The question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. It is accessible on any device, via the app or browser.

<https://play.trockstars.com>

Reading

In Year 1, the children take part in a daily reading workshop from 9am. This is an opportunity for the children to practise the skills needed to become competent readers and it also enables the teachers to hear the children read.

In Year 2, the children take part in daily shared reading lessons from 9am. This is a whole class approach for teaching reading skills and comprehension. Some children may need to be heard to read on a 1:1 basis more frequently where as others, the daily shared reading lesson is sufficient. We continuously assess the children's skills and provide the support they need as individual learners.

Playground Games

We are continuously thinking of ways to enhance provision during break times on the playground. The children have access to trikes, bikes and scooters. We are reminding the children about the importance of playground safety, ensuring they are careful with their eyes, hands and feet! We also have some outdoor equipment such as tennis rackets, skipping ropes and hula hoops in our shed which, we get out daily weather permitting. If you have anything at home that you no longer use/need and you feel it would be suitable for use on our playground, we would be grateful for donations.



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We always welcome donations of tissue boxes, newspaper, paper plates and anything that you feel may be useful for arts and crafts.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the class teachers. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to a fun-filled Spring term with warmer weather on its way!

Best wishes.

Miss Davis and KS1 Team