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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break with plenty of rest, family fun and cheese! This term, the class teacher continues to be Mrs Smith and Mrs Webb will be teaching on a Tuesday.

This term our topic is called 'Into the Woods!' We will be learning all about the habitats of woods and what real and fictional creatures might live there. We are very excited to be going on two trips this term; the first will be to Westonbirt Arboretum to explore the woods and to find the Gruffalo and his friends. Then, we will also be learning about the festival of Lunar New Year and taking a trip to the Chinese restaurant, Oriental Aroma. More details about these trips will follow shortly.

In Phonics, the children will be learning new sounds with two letters (digraphs) such as th, ng and ee. Please look out for the phonics stickers in the reading records. Please continue to practice these sounds at home and continue to hear them read.

We will also be sending home a spelling activity pack. This will be updated each Friday and will include new words to practice each week. These will be common exception words (tricky words that cannot be sounded out). Please find a small amount of time to practice spelling these words on the sheet with your child. You could also comment or show an example of your child trying any of the activities too, these can be uploaded to Tapestry and celebrated in class. In addition, please continue to hear your child read at home.

The children will continue to have PE sessions twice a week, please remember on **Tuesday to send your child to school wearing their PE kit** and on **Thursday please bring PE kits in for your child to get dressed into at school**. Do continue to encourage your child to get dressed independently. The last week of term, this will change to a Wednesday as we will have some yoga sessions going into term 4. There will be a reminder text about this.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Smith and Mrs Webb

