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Dear Parents This term's class topics ....

#### Class 1

Over the next few weeks Class 1 will be working on 'Beautiful Birds' leading up to the RSPB Great Birdwatch at the end of the month. The children will be identifying garden birds and using the binoculars to spot different birds in the Wild Valley from the bird hide set up in the classroom. They've filled and set up the bird feeders and are excited to see the birds they can recognise.





# Class 2

In the Misty Mountain, Winding River project, your child will learn about the characteristics and physical processes of rivers, including how they shape the landscape over time, their significance around the world and the impact of flooding. They will learn how to use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and a key to locate and plot geographical places

and features on a map, as well as how contour lines are used to show the topography of an area. They will have the opportunity to learn about the stages of the water cycle and about mountains and their different formations, studying mountain ranges in the United Kingdom and around the world. They will also learn about habitats and how human and natural influences can have an impact on the environment.

## Class 3

In the Sow, Grow and Farm project, your child will learn about allotments in the United Kingdom and how the government encouraged people to have them to support food rationing during the Second World War. They will learn about food webs and animal life cycles, including how living things are dependent on one another within a habitat. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures. They



will have the opportunity to learn about farming in the United Kingdom and the techniques used in modern farming, including the challenges that farmers face. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and about the pros and cons of importing food. They will also learn about world farming and how the different climate zones affect where different foods can be grown.

## Dance

We're delighted to be working with dance professional, Rob Mennear again. Rob will be with us every Thursday afternoon this term.

All children to wear PE kit to school every Thursday, please.



# School Association AGM Thursday 16 January at 15.30

We look forward to seeing all parents at our School Association AGM on Thursday, we need to elect a committee and further plan our fundraising events for this year.

We welcome all parents no matter what you're able to offer from being a member of the committee to helping out with organising/ running events, whatever you're able to offer will be very much appreciated.

To continue the success of our fundraising we need as many parents as possible to be involved and as always hugely appreciate the hard work of everyone involved with our School Association.

# Let's work together to make our school even better!

## Spring Term Clubs

The following clubs will be running weekly from Monday 13 January – please email Jeanette to sign children up for clubs.

Day	Time	Club	Year	Staff	Room
Monday	15.15 – 16.15	Robotics – First Lego League	Y5 & Y6	Mrs Haden	Class 2
Monday	15.15 – 16.15	Cross Country	Y3 - Y6	Miss Hughes	Playground/ Sports Hall/ Village
Tuesday	15.15 – 16.30	Football	Y3 – Y6	Mr Rix	Playground/ Sports Hall
Tuesday	15.15 – 16.30	TEC GIRLS: Cyber Guardians Start date: 28 Jan No session: 14 & 21 Jan	Y5 & Y6 girls	Mrs Haden	Class 2
Wednesday	8.10 - 8.40	Y6 SATs Club	Y6	Mr Rix	Class 3
Wednesday	15.15 – 16.15	Songfest	Y6	Miss Parkes	Class 2
Thursday	8.10 - 8.40	Y6 SATs Club	Y6	Mrs Haden	Class 3
Thursday	15.15 – 16.15	Lego	Rec - Y6	Mrs Miller & Paola	Class 1

We please ask that you or your child let staff know if they're unable to attend a club which they're signed up for, to make sure we're clear on pick up arrangements and all children are safe. Also we expect children to commit to clubs they join rather than dip in and out as and when they feel like attending.

## HOMEWORK (packs to be sent home on Monday)

Read Write Inc (RWI)	Reading	
Children with coloured RWI books	All children are encouraged to	
should practice reading and	read regularly at home as well	
writing the 'red words' that are	as also enjoying an adult	
printed in their reading books.	reading to them.	
Maths – MyMaths/TTTRS/Numbots	Topic – your child will be	
Children from Year 1 – Year 6	coming home with a topic	
have log on details for Times	workbook, which they can work	
Tables rockstars and Numbots,	through over the term. We	
which they can log on to and use	would love to see what they	
to practise fluency skills.	are working on at home, please	
	do share it with us.	
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