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## Dear Parents and Guardians

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Our class topic this term will be **hot and cold** and much of the work the children do will reflect this. In Literacy many of the books the children will use in class as a basis for writing will be based on hot or cold themes. In maths the class will be studying: time; place value; graphs (Y2 only); money; multiplication, division and fractions. In Geography we will look at hot and cold places around the world and how these compare to our UK climate. In Art (after half term) the class will be experimenting with colours to create hot and cold inspired art, we will also be studying some of the work of Picasso and will create a Picasso style portrait. In Design and Technology we will first be designing and making a pizza before moving on to building structures to help us investigate The Great Fire of London. In Science our work will be based on animals: how they grow and change. In History (after half term) we will be studying The Great Fire of London. In RE we will be continuing with the curriculum materials called Understanding Christianity and also look at some stories from The Old Testament. The main festival we will be looking at will be Easter. The class will continue to have PE support from Achieve 4 All on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will have a new PE specialist this term, Ms Trussell, who will be doing dance with the class. We are hoping to put on a show for you to enjoy in March. Ms Collins will continue to teach music to the class on a Wednesday morning. In music we will be singing using voices to create sound, we will also look at music from hot and cold countries and learn to compose with percussion instruments.

Mrs Burrige will continue to work with the preschool children on a Tuesday and Friday morning. She will be used as a support for the whole class on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

***You may have books at home –fiction or non-fiction- with some of our topics as part of their content. Sharing these with children is a good way to develop their own reading and listening skills.***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have read with your children over the holiday. ***Reading with your children is one of the most important ways you can support their learning in Reception/Key Stage 1.*** As a parent/carer it is an expectation that you will hear your child read, or read with them, at least four times a week. It really makes a huge difference if reading regularly takes place at home. When it happens regularly at home children make more progress. Please make a note of any reading in the reading diary. Your comments are relevant at whatever level your child is currently reading at. The class have new targets in their reading diaries so any comments around these are particularly useful. We are grateful to Mrs Hervin who will be continuing as a volunteer supporting reading on a Monday morning.

Key Stage 1 will have a Home Learning book with activities linked to current or future work. We will aim to send work home on Fridays starting next week. The children in year 1 and 2 also each have a spelling book with either the first 100 or next 200 high frequency and tricky words in. They also have a little blue book where we practise spelling rules, such as adding a prefix or suffix, or particular words like days of the week or months of the year. These will also be sent home sometimes.

At any point before and after school we are available if you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child in Taw class.

We are all looking forward to another rewarding term working with the children and you in Taw class.

**Phil Parsons**

**Stacey Rogers**

**Denise Burrige**