Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope that you enjoyed a happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas break. This term our work will start with a Learning Journey about 'Dinosaurs' and then 'Light and Dark'.

P.E. will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. All children should have their full P.E. kit in school all week. Please ensure that **all** items are named as they often seem to get muddled up! Long hair should always be tied back, please. Small plain stud earrings may be worn, but please ensure they are **removed or covered** for PE days, sports days etc.

Please make sure that your child has a named pair of trainers and wellies for playtimes.

We would like to remind you that Apple Class takes part in weekly forest school sessions on a Thursday (Yr1) and Friday (R) afternoon in the school grounds. Please ensure children wear their forest school clothes to school on their day.

'Show and Tell' will continue to take place each **Wednesday**: small and special items only for showing please. Animal Groups will continue to take it in turns: see additional timetable which has been emailed via eschools and is available on our Google Classroom. '**Hedgehogs'** will start on Wednesday  $5^{th}$  January.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind those of you who have not yet signed into our Google Classroom to do so please.

Your child will bring their book bag home every day-please check it for any letters or comments we have made in their reading record book. We would like to encourage you to share a book every day with your child-just 5 or 10 minutes a day will be very valuable. Please continue to practise the children's sounds and tricky words in their phonics packs. We will be adding to these regularly and practising at home little and often is so beneficial.

Please feel free to come and see us if you wish to discuss anything: your comments and support are greatly appreciated. After school is a good time to do this, especially on a Wednesday. We are sure that 2022 will be an enjoyable and productive year for us all.

Best wishes,

Alison Chilton and Laura Plackett