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Welcome to the first half of the Spring Term and a brand new year!

This half term our theme is **It's Cold Outside**, and we are looking forward to 6 weeks exploring the changes we see in Winter, the places on our Earth which are always cold and what we need to do to stay warm. We will be becoming scientists and experimenting with the changes we can see in water and ice, and making weather charts to find out more about the seasons.

Talk to your child about the things they notice around and about school and home related to weather and seasons, and if possible please share photos or videos on Tapestry so we can talk about the things we have seen.

We will be basing our curriculum around excellent fiction and non-fiction books based upon different aspects of our topic, here are just a few of the stories your child will be telling you about this half term!

We are continuing to expand our knowledge of stories and texts. Please share any winter or penguin stories you have with your children during this half term to support their learning. We will be discussing our favourite winter activities, and our favourite winter clothes.

In Maths we are exploring numbers, counting, recognising numerals, and beginning to join amounts together – you may hear your child discuss "Part, part, whole" which is the starting point of addition and subtraction. We also continue to talk about shape and pattern, and we love finding these things in our environment – again please upload any photos to Tapestry of your child exploring mathematical ideas!

Our PE this half term will continue to be on a Monday. Please make sure your child has shorts and a t-shirt in school.

Forest Explorers will also continue to be on a Thursday – just a reminder that Forest School kit needs to be kept in school now. The children need to bring in a bag with their kit, to get changed into on Thursday afternoons and a pair of wellies to leave in school.

Reading at home plays a huge part in the development of this essential skill, so please continue the wonderful work you are doing at home and read regularly with your little superstar – it makes such a difference, and we are really starting to see their progress.

As always, if you have any questions, come and chat to us before or after school,

Mrs Fuller, Mrs Carter, Mrs Hooley and the Reception Team