

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school to what has been a busy start to the New Year. It was lovely to welcome the children back who were excited to catch up with their friends, as well as teaching staff.

If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning this term, please check out our school website. You will find copies of the topic webs for your child's year group within learning and curriculum overview.

Please don't forget that the school gates are open at **8.40am every day, ready for an 8.45am start.**

Mrs. F Briggs

All children should have 100% attendance.

School is open for 190 days of the year for teaching and learning.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, family gatherings and other special occasions.

Help your child to be successful in learning for life, by supporting great attendance.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Fox cubs	75.00%	84.00%	87.5%			
Hedgehogs	93.42%	89.47%	92.63%			
Owls	99.14%	95.04%	98.21%			
Rabbits	84.07%	90.00%	88.93%			
Badgers	93.10%	91.72%	89.64%			
Squirrels	93.30%	95.36%	97.62%			

In school, on time, every day

Thank you to those of you who get your **children into school on time every day.**

Learning activities are prepped and ready for children as soon as they enter school with phonics lessons in Reception and Math lessons in years 1 & 2 starting promptly after registration.

If your child is consistently late, then this has an adverse effect on their attainment and Progress-learning is lost and gaps form, and it becomes increasingly harder for your child to catch up.



Dates for your diary

Friday 13th February-Last day of Spring Term 1
Normal closing time

Monday 23rd February-INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 24th February-Start of Spring Term 2.
School open to children.

Children's Mental Health Day

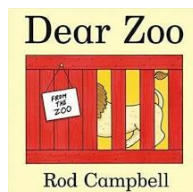
This term in My Happy Mind we are learning about the importance of appreciation and **gratitude**.



Reading

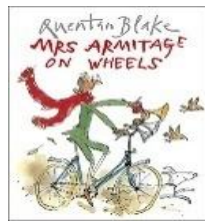
Our popular reading cafes are back! These are a great way for you to find out about how reading is taught in school as well as how you can support at home. The children are always excited by your attendance.

This term's focus is **reading for pleasure**. To support with this, each year group has an author focus for the term. This term's author focuses are as follows...



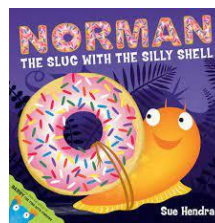
Rod Campbell

Nursery



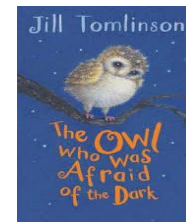
Quentin Blake

Reception



Sue Hendra

Year 1



Jill Tomlinson

Year 2

Don't forget to visit Gloucester's new library, which is located within the old Debenhams building in Kings Square. It's free to join and there is no cost for any books lost during a previous membership. The library also runs lots of free events during the February half term. So, pop along and take a look.



Please don't forget to listen to your child read at least **3 times or more each week**. If they read 3 times a week over a five week period your child will receive a reading certificate and a book prize!

