

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas break together.

Our theme this term is 'To the Edge of the World' comparing the lives of explorers from different time periods. Over the next few weeks talk to your children about exploring new places and encourage your children to talk about how they feel when they go to new exciting places.

In Science we will be looking at humans and other animals, with a focus on Shackleton and survival in extreme conditions.

Our class assembly this term will be on **Wednesday 7th February at 9am**. Please join us to see what your children are learning in class.

Here are a few reminders about our everyday routines in Year 1:

Start of the day: The classroom is open from 08.45 a.m. and children are registered at 9.00 a.m. Children have daily basic skills activities as soon as they arrive, followed by our phonics lesson. Please try and arrive promptly each day to make the most of this learning opportunity.

PE: PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Children bring PE kits into school and leave them here until the end of term.

Homework: This will come home on a Friday and should be returned on Wednesday. Homework will reflect what the children are learning that week. Your child will now have a login for Spelling Shed, a great resource to support your child's learning and allow us to monitor your child's progress. At school we look to celebrate children's successes outside of school so please let us know any achievements with a WOW form. .

Reading: We change books every Wednesday. When you hear your child read, please ask questions and talk about the text. Please sign their record books when they read. We also start going to the school library every Monday where the children choose a book to bring home and share. We want all children to develop a love for reading so continue to share other books and support your child in reading words in their own environment.

Library: On a Monday your child will go to the school library and bring home a book. Each Monday they will have the chance to change their book for a new one.

Label: Please ensure that all clothes or items they bring in are labelled with their name.

Website: Please check out our class page on the school website. This will keep you up to date with the children's learning and is a great source of information.

If you do have a question please speak to one of the Year 1 team or contact us by email at: admin@st-andrews.plymouth.sch.uk .

Your sincerely

Mrs Oliver, Mrs Tamblyn, Mrs Haywood and Miss Coath