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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

It's certainly been a challenging start, and we want to thank you for your patience and understanding during the unexpected school closure last Monday due to flooding. We apologise to those of you who didn't receive the text message in time. We have reviewed our communication systems and taken steps to ensure that future messages reach everyone promptly.

On a brighter note, we are delighted that our after-school clubs have resumed this week! It's wonderful to see the children engaging in activities they enjoy, building skills, and having fun with their peers. The school choir is especially busy as they prepare for the Young Voices event in February. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children, and they'll need plenty of practice to perfect their performance. We encourage all choir members to attend rehearsals and to keep practising at home too.

Curriculum at Bromesberrow

Here is an update from each Class teacher on what the children have been and will be learning this term:

Class 1

Class 1 have had a fantastic time during Autumn 2, Miss Oakes and Mrs Meek are extremely proud of all of the children with how they have committed to their learning. It has been a very busy term, filled with lots of Christmas excitement. Class 1 have handled all of this really well and were amazing during our Nativity. Well done, for all of the hard work and practice you put in. Especially your singing!

This term we have a Geography focus. We are looking at locating the Equator as the midpoint between the Poles and locating the North and South Polar regions. We will also head up to Chase End Hill, for a trip to explore Human and Physical Geography.

As writers this term, we will be looking at the book 'The Ginger Bread Man'. As a class, we will be immersing ourselves into the text by acting out different scenes, creating comic strips and writing recipes based around the yummy gingerbread men we will be making in class!

In Science we are becoming scientists with our topic 'Amazing Animals'. We will be exploring a range of different animal habitats and learning about the different life cycles.

Class 2

We will begin the spring term in class 2 with the topic of 'Voracious Volcanoes'. We will look into why volcanoes explode and also the settlements around volcanoes, including extinct sites and understanding why people would choose to live near volcanoes when they are so dangerous and destructive. We will also learn about what happens when an earthquake takes place.

Our Science topic this term is 'Forces and Magnets'. We will investigate if all metals are magnetic, as well as understanding how friction works and comparing how objects move on different surfaces due to this. We



will also observe how magnets attract and repel each other, and using this knowledge to group materials into magnetic and non-magnetic.

In English, our text this term is 'Journey'. This is an excellent book that, interestingly, has no words in so the children will be using their amazing imaginations to understand the story being told to them. During this, they will be creating detailed setting descriptions using powerful adjectives and also creating a narrative to follow on from the story!

Class 3

We have lots of exciting learning experiences coming throughout this term as we begin our Geography topic, World Around Me!

As writers, we will be using the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' to support our punctuation and grammar knowledge along with inspiring us to write a narrative and a range of poetry.

Within Maths we will be focusing on the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. Thinking as mathematicians, we will reason our answers and problem solve throughout.

Properties of Materials and States of matter! As Scientists, we will be focusing our learning around materials and their properties through exploring reversible and irreversible changes and using scientific investigations to learn about conduction and insulation.

This half term, we also have the great opportunity to go to Forest School every Friday afternoon where we will develop fine and gross motor skills through climbing, building and wood work.

We will be sending spellings home to practise and the children have access to TTRockstars to practise times tables.

Our Christian Value this half term is **Courage**

Albright Lane

During the latest cold period, we have had issues with the water on Albright Lane freezing and becoming dangerous. At the moment Highways do not have it as a road to be gritted. To try and change this, it would be helpful if as many parents as possible could contact Highways(08000 514514) to make them aware of safety issues outside the school.

Data Collection Sheets

Attached to this newsletter is a data collection sheet for each child. Please would you look carefully at these and check that we have as much accurate information as possible.

We need to have at least two named contacts with as many home numbers, mobile numbers and work numbers as possible.

Please would you also fill in missing addresses for all the contacts.

Whether you have made changes or not, we would ask that you sign the bottom of the page and send it back to the school office asap.

Primary Quest Y3/4 Football Tournament

We're excited for our Year 3 and 4 pupils to participate in the Primary Quest Football Tournament on **Thursday, 16th January**. The children have been practising hard, and we're confident they will represent our school with great skill and sportsmanship. Best of luck to all involved!



A Buzz Around Reading

We've purchased a selection of new books to add to our library and classrooms. We're committed to fostering a love for reading! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have been helping children with their reading. Mrs. Hankins has recently partnered with the charity **Read With Me**, who are looking to support us further. They offer to train and provide DBS checks for anyone who is happy to volunteer. She is also enjoying hearing a selection of children read across the school.

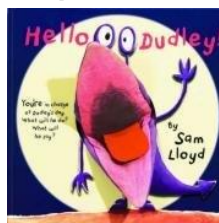
Recommended reads for children:

Preschool and Reception



A beautiful book, sharing different bird homes and facts about these. Interactive with lift the flaps and lots of lovely illustrations

Reception:

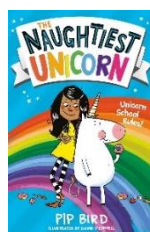


Hilariously funny for a small person! You get to be Dudley 😊

Year 1 and 2:

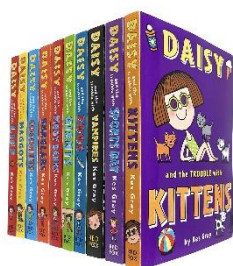


When Humpty Dumpty conquers his fears and somethings amazing happens. A story of hope.

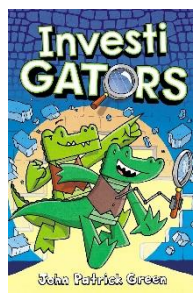


Children will laugh out loud at Dave the unicorn.

Year 3 and 4:

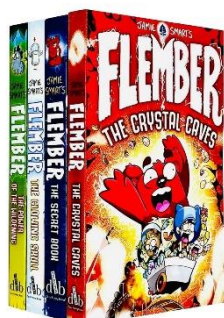


Full of fun and adventure!
For Y2-Y4

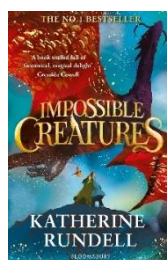


Just hilarious! A great graphic novel- appropriate for Y2-Y4

Year 5 and 6:



Flember (from the author of Bunny Vs Monkey)- a mix of mystery, adventure and lots of comedy



A supernatural, fantasy with a heavy dose of mystery thrown in!

