**Oke Tor January 2024** **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** 

To Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and have been able to spend time with family and friends.

We are very much looking forward to the Spring Term and all the exciting learning that will be taking place. Staffing for this term will be Mrs Chipperfield Monday and Tuesday and Miss Tucker Wednesday to Friday. Please try to message the correct teacher if you need to contact us via Class Dojo.

A quick reminder to please ensure all water bottles and school uniform is named. The weather can be very unpredictable this time of year so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.

Please can you also ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. Please check these daily for any work or letters that may be sent home.

This term promises to be very busy with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned.

**PE** days will be Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit and trainers to school on these days. This term we will be doing games on a Monday and gymnastics on a Friday.

Our learning in **English** before half term will see us focusing on story book bears with a theme of bravery vs fear. We will be writing information texts, letters, retellings and our own versions of narrative.

After half term we will be focussing on Beasts and Monsters with a theme of nature and environment. We will be making pamphlets and writing our own adventure stories.

We would be grateful if you could support your child with learning to read and spell the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words; little and often is best – in the car, cooking dinner, in the bath...! A list of these words will be coming home in home learning books.

At Lew Trenchard Primary School we aim for all our pupils to become fluent, confident readers who are passionate about reading. Being read to, and sharing books together, helps to foster a love of reading so please try to find the time to share your child’s books at home as often as possible but at least 3 times a week. Regular reading also helps embed what we have been learning at school. Please record all reading in your child’s reading record. If your child is on the accelerated reader scheme please write in the reading record when they have finished the book so that we can support them in quizzing and choosing a new book.

We will be having a daily story time in class with the children voting for the story they want to hear each day.

This term Ms Davy will be teaching Year 2 **Maths** and Miss Tucker/Mrs Chipperfield will be teaching Year 1.

Year 1 will be learning about place value and addition and subtraction. After half term we will be learning about length and height and mass and volume.

Year 2 will be learning about shape and money. After half term we will be learning about multiplication and division, length and height.

By the end of Year two children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and related division facts, being able to rapidly recall them. Weekly home learning, linked to our learning in class, will continue to be set on a Monday. In addition, please try to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars regularly. Log in details should be stuck inside the cover of your child’s home learning book. Please also encourage the children to play Numbots (the same log-in) as being able to rapidly recall number facts (such as number bonds) is also a very important skill to embed, particularly in Year 1.

Our **Science** this term will focus on plants. We will be exploring our school site regularly so please can you ensure your child has a pair of welly boots in school. During the second half of the spring term we are learning about plants in coastal habitats.

In **History** we will be thinking about why the history of our locality is significant with a focus on Dartmoor Prison. After half term we will be doing **Geography** where we will be thinking about why we love being beside the seaside so much.

On Monday March 11th we are hoping to have a trip to the beach in Bude to reinforce our learning (more information to follow).

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the home learning expectations for Oke Tor.

* Reading **at least** 3 times a week (please record in reading records)
* Times Tables Rock Stars **at least** 3 times a week (little and often is best). Numbots may be more appropriate for Year 1 pupils
* Spelling Shed **at least** 3 times a week (little and often is best)
* Maths and English provided weekly in Home learning books

We hope that your child enjoys this term. Please don’t hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Miss Tucker and Mrs Chipperfield