



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

We have had a great first week back at school, packed with exciting lessons and projects, as each class has begun their learning journey for their Spring topics. **This term sees a Geography focus across the school, with the theme of Water.**

**Badger Class** are completing a study on the **Amazon Basin in South America**. They will become environmental scientists as they explore this resource-rich environment, investigating the impact of human activity on the natural resources and communities of the region. They will also be studying a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – early Islamic civilisation.

In **Otter Class**, Miss Jones will be teaching the children all about Tudor explorers. During the Elizabethan period, several Spanish and Portuguese explorers set out to travel the world, and in England, there were several famous Tudor explorers. By **studying famous explorers of the past, pupils in Otters will be able to locate the world's countries**, using maps to focus on Europe and North and South America, which will become a focus in their Geography lessons.

In KS1, **Squirrel Class** children will learn about **the seas that surround the UK, and through following the journey of the Titanic from Belfast to America**, they will develop knowledge of the oceans and continents of the world. Children will also investigate how waves are caused and how they move. Children will also learn about the fascinating underwater world of the Pacific Ocean and the Great Barrier Reef. They will make maps and create diagrams of food chains, role-play an underwater expedition, make short documentaries about researched creatures.

Certainly, an exciting term ahead!

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Headteacher**



### REMINDERS & NOTICES

### WORSHIP

The Value this term is Respect.

## respect

- Self respect – celebrating our gifts and talents; looking after ourselves
- Respect for mum and dad or those who care for us;
- Respect for those in our school
- "You care enough about others feelings before you act"
- Working with our teachers and those who work for our safety in different ways; being prepared to listen and learn from others who have experience
- Respect for others – everyone is special; everyone's opinion matters; everyone's contribution is important;
- Respecting the environment – green issues and respect for our classrooms and for our village
- To think about the feelings, rights of other people
- To 'be-good' to others
- Showing good learning behaviours in class, so that everyone can learn.

**Our chosen Bible Story** - The story of Jacob and his sons, the story of Jacob and Esau The story of Joseph

**Worship songs:** Shine Jesus shine, from the tiny ant

Trustee and Rotarian Mark Liquorish visited our school yesterday to talk to children about the Water Survival box, as part of their Courageous Advocacy work.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

#### Events at a glance:

**Choir trip to Young Voices:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Respect Value Day:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half term holiday:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**PD Day: (Children not in school this day)** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Spring term 2 begins (children return to school):** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**Equality:** ensuring fair opportunity for all



**Integrity:** consistently acting with honesty, compassion and respect

### NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

