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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to see some of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting yesterday. As we know, some parents couldn't make it and some may want a written record of the information so here are some notes of the content of the meeting. The PPT shared at the meeting can be found on the Y1/2 page on the school website which contains more curriculum information.

### **Staffing**

Year 1/2 teaching staff for the 2024-25 academic year is as follows:

- 1/2A - Class teacher is Miss Horne with teaching assistants Mrs Parker, Ms Stobbart and Mrs Savage (1-1)
- 1/2B - Class teachers are Mrs Bowden (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Baggus (Thursday - Friday). Teaching assistants are Mrs Stobbart, Mrs Smith and Ms Godsell (1-1)
- 1/2C - Class teacher is Mr Haidon with teaching assistants Mrs Smith and Mrs Parker (1-1)
- All classes will be taught music by Mrs Alvarez and one PE lesson by Mrs Champion

### **Timetables**

- All classes will have outdoor PE on a Friday with their class teacher.
- 1/2B and 1/2C – Indoor PE with Mrs Champion and music with Mrs Alvarez on a Tuesday afternoon when Mrs Bowden and Mr Haidon have their teacher release time.
- 1/2A - Indoor PE with Mrs Champion and music with Mrs Alvarez on a Wednesday morning when Miss Horne has her teacher release time. Mrs Alvarez will also teach 1/2A on a Monday morning.
- All children are expected to participate unless injured. Pupils are to wear their PE kits to school on these days. Uniform for PE is as follows: A red or white plain T-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, trainers and plain black or navy sweatshirt/zip-up jumper/red school jumper. Long hair must be tied back and earrings either removed or covered with earring tape (please provide this for your child). PE uniform must be plain and contain NO logos or brand names.
- Year 1 and 2 pupils will be taught maths in separate groups – Year 1 pupils with Miss Horne and Mr Haidon, Year 2 pupils with Mrs Bowden/Mrs Baggus and Mr Skipper.

### **Curriculum and events**

Year 1/2 topics are as follows:

- Autumn term
  - Would you go down to the rainforest today?
  - Events: Roaming Reptiles workshop
- Spring term
  - Spring 1 - The Great Fire of London
  - Spring 2 – How do plants help us survive?
  - Events: Great Fire of London production
- Summer term
  - Cirencester local study
  - Summer 1 – Cirencester compared to Varanasi in India
  - Summer 2 – Romans (focus on Roman Cirencester)
  - Events: Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

### **Phonics and reading**

We use the Read Write Inc programme to teach phonics Monday-Thursday for 30 minutes. Pupils' reading fluency is regularly assessed using this scheme and pupils across several year groups are grouped for these sessions based on these assessments. Your child may, therefore, be in a different classroom with a different teacher for their phonic sessions. When pupils complete the RWI scheme, they will progress onto the Accelerated Reader programme which is used in Key Stage 2. You will receive more information on this programme when your child reaches this point. Please see the home activities information in your child's reading diary about home reading books linked to our phonic scheme.



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### **Attendance**

Good attendance (above 95%) is extremely important to ensure that your child reaches their full potential both academically but also socially and in terms of their own personal development. Pupils should not be taken out of school for holidays or non-urgent medical appointments and should attend even if not feeling 100% well unless they have sickness and diarrhea or another highly contagious condition. Please ensure that your child attends school punctually so they have a settled, successful start to the day and are able to carry out the important handwriting practice which will happen during register time across the whole school.

### **Uniform and equipment**

We believe that the wearing of a school uniform and a smart appearance fosters a sense of unity, belonging and maintains our high standards. Cirencester Primary School uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with/without embroidered school logo
- White or red polo shirt with logo or plain
- Black or grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, or shorts or red and white checked dress
- Black, white or grey tights/socks
- Sensible, comfortable outdoor shoes in black
- Earrings- studs only please
- No jewellery or nail varnish to be worn
- Long hair should be worn tied back
- No dyed/tinted/coloured hair

Please ensure that your child brings the following items to school every day:

- A water bottle filled with water only
- Their reading diary and reading book
- A waterproof coat
- Wellies as we will use the field throughout the winter – pupils can leave these in school (NAMED)
- No toys are to be brought in from home
- Year 1/2 pupils are provided with a snack – if you'd rather bring your own it must be fresh fruit or vegetable based. No cereal bars, fruit winders or packets of crisps, crackers or biscuits please.
- Please ensure that all items of equipment and uniform are named to avoid them getting lost.

### **Home-school communication**

We ask that you support us with homework, uniform and general expectations of our school. We have a new home-school agreement which details how we plan for home and school to work together to build positive and effective relationships to best support your children. It is also important that you contact us if you feel there is something affecting your child's learning. We are keen to work together with you to ensure your child is happy and motivated to work hard at school and home. If you need to contact us the easiest ways are via email or through Class Dojo:

1/2A – [ahorne@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ahorne@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

1/2B – [emilybowden@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:emilybowden@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) and [ceribaggus@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ceribaggus@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

1/2C - [ohaidon@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ohaidon@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

We will do our best to meet with you promptly as well as answer questions but please be aware that after 6pm, emails may not be seen until the following morning.

Newsletters will be sent out electronically fortnightly on a Friday. There is often important information on these so please ensure you read them carefully. Please ensure the office has an up to date email address for you. We also continue to use the online platform Class Dojo to post photos, information and home learning activities. This is also a great place for you to share with us photos and news from home; we would particularly love to see photos of any further learning or discovery your child completes at home as well as any achievements from clubs and hobbies which we will then share and celebrate in class.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning with your child.

Kind regards, The Year 1/2 team