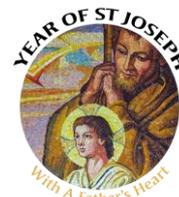




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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to the Autumn term 2! I hope you had a lovely half term.

Firstly, I have attached a copy of our topic for this term, 'The Snowman'. This is predominantly a topic focusing on science which will lend itself to exploring freezing and melting. This term, we will be spending lots of time in our outdoor learning environment so please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing, e.g. a warm coat with a hood, gloves, hat, scarf, waterproofs etc. so that these can be worn during wet weather. Your child should now be in winter uniform - shirt, tie, jumper, trouser for boys and shirt, tie, jumper, tights, pinafore or skirt for girls. On Friday's please can you continue to send your child into school in PE kit. As the children will be outside for PE please can you send your child to school in a grey PE hooded top and navy tracksuit bottoms.

- **WOW Vouchers**

Please find printed WOW vouchers in your child's book bag. Please feel free to complete them and bring them back into school so Mrs Hill and I can celebrate your child's achievements. The WOW voucher template will be uploaded to our class page so you can print them out if you need more.

- **Show and Tell**

'Show and Tell' will continue to be on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child only brings **one item** to school when it is their day for show and tell. **They should not bring items to school at any other time.** Show and tell items have included photographs, writing, cuddly toys, toy cars, etc.

- **Wheelie Wednesday**

Again, this will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons - the children love their sessions. Please ensure your child bring in a helmet on their wheelie Wednesday session.

- **Homework**

Homework will continue to be sent home each Friday in your child's pink homework book. Completed work needs to be handed in on **Wednesday**. Homework should be completed in **pencil**. Please support your child with their homework but allow them to complete independently.

- **Bug Club**

Your child's account will be set up by the end of this half term. You will be sent their login details over the next few weeks. This account can be used to practice reading at home.

Just to remind you, as the children learn new sounds in school, they are posted on the website to help you to support your child at home. These early stages of learning to read are vitally important, the more the children practice, the better they become! Daily practise of their flash cards- tricky words- also secures these words more quickly.

Finally, this time of year is a very busy period in school and is also a time for lots of coughs and colds. Please continue to encourage your child to wash their hands, sneeze into their elbows or a tissue and cover their mouths when coughing to prevent the spread of any unwanted germs. We are continuing to wash hands regularly throughout the school day. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. You can email me at slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support,
Yours sincerely
Miss Jessica Berry
Reception Class Teacher