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Friday 9th January: Spring Term News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a really lovely Christmas break! Thank you so much for the lovely gifts which were very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to teaching your children this term and getting stuck into some great new topics.

Our Learning Plan for Year R, 1 and 2

Here is a look at what the children will be covering this term. We've tried to pack it with exciting learning!

Subject	What We're Focusing On
English	Phonics: A continued focus on building those essential reading and writing skills through our brand new phonics programme.
Maths	Year R: Lots of hands-on work with numbers, focusing strongly on getting confident with numbers up to 20. Year 1 & 2: Deep diving into addition and subtraction , practising fluency and problem-solving skills.
Science	We'll be observing seasonal changes (hello, Spring!) and investigating the properties of different materials and what we use them for.
Geography	We're starting local, looking at where we live in our community, before heading off globally to learn about the 7 different continents of the world.
History	This term, we're studying some famous and important Queens throughout British history to learn about different periods and their impact on today.



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Art	We'll be taking inspiration from the amazing, bright, and colourful work of British artist Sonia Boyce .
DT	Designing and building things! Our focus will be on creating stable structures this term.
RE	Learning about the key beliefs and celebrations within Islam and Christianity , with a special focus on Easter as we approach the end of the term.
PE	Our skills this term are Tennis (getting that hand-eye coordination going) and Gymnastics (working on movement and balance).

Quick Reminders for School

💧 Everyday Essentials

Please make sure your child brings a **NAMED water bottle** into school every day. They also need a suitable **outdoor coat** *every single day* please!

👕 PE Kits

PE kits need to be worn **all day** on **TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** this term, instead of the school uniform.

📖 Reading is SO Important

Children who read regularly make better progress—it's that simple! Please could you ensure:

- Reading books are in school **EVERY day**.
- Any books borrowed from school are **returned** when they've finished them.
- Books are in school every day. We listen to children read individually and change books at least once a week, so having them in daily is a must!

👤👤 A Request for Volunteers!

We would absolutely welcome any parents or carers who could spare just an hour a week or fortnight to come and listen to some of the children read. It really makes a difference! You will need to be **DBS checked**, but the school office can help to arrange that for you. Thank you so much in advance if you think you can help!



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🏠 Home Learning (Year 1 & 2)

We'd encourage children in Year 1 and 2 to keep reading at home **3 times a week** and spend about **20 minutes on Nessy** to support their literacy skills.

💬 Communication with the Teddy Team

Please know that we are here to help! If you have any problems or worries about your child that you'd like to discuss, please come and speak to a member of the Teddy Team.

- We use **Class Dojo** for informal messages and class updates.
- **URGENT messages, appointments, and absences must always go to the SCHOOL OFFICE**—not via Dojo, please.
- The school office can be contacted in person, by telephone, or by email: admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk

We are looking forward to a fantastic term!

The Teddy Class Team (Mrs Isaac, Mrs Quance and Mrs Whiting)



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