Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely Half Term break and that your children are as excited as I am to begin the countdown to the festive period. We have lots of exciting activities, excursions and events planned to help enrich the school experience and inspire our pupils to flourish.

Term 2's learning revolves around the central question 'Why do people go on a journey?'. Through our learning we will cover space, the voyage of the Titanic, geology and discovery. We will also be continuing to explore different faiths and worldviews including Humanism and the different denominations of Christianity.

This term, we will be participating in an author visit and workshop at North Cerney; a whole-school trip to Slimbridge to explore migration and the natural world and a whole-school Nativity performance!

I have attached a Curriculum Map for the term which will detail what your children will be learning across the subjects to let you know of what you can expect to hear about when your children get home from school.

PE

Our PE days remain Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Children will need to bring their PE kit into school to change into. They may leave PE kit at school during the week if this is easier.

Homework

Homework continues to be:

- Daily reading - own books or books from school. They should aim for at least 3 entries in their reading record per week. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a week, no matter their year group, as it is a critical skill to prepare them for secondary school! Please write in the reading record when you have heard your child read.
- Core skills – either Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar or Maths will be sent home as a worksheet to complete.
- Times Tables Rock Stars – to continue developing your child's fluency with number.

Please continue to read your child a bedtime story even if they can read it themselves. Hearing adults read aloud supports children's oracy and vocabulary, setting them up for success!

Reminders:

Please ensure that you send your child to school with their:

- Coat (we play and learn in the rain!)
- Gloves, scarf and hat in cold weather
- Water bottle (filled with water)
- Bag
- Named PE kit (Tuesday and Friday)
- Named school uniform – Here are the School Uniform expectations.

Morning Snack

Please ensure that any snacks are healthy (vegetables, cheese, bread etc) and placed in a reusable container rather than a wrapper as wrappers easily lead to litter in our playground. We are an allergy aware school.

Key Dates

9/11/26 - Author Visit at North Cerney

10/11/26 - Whole-school trip to Slimbridge WWT

17/11/26 - Reading afternoon

19/11/26 - School Photographs

7/12/26 - Pantomime at Cirencester Baptist Church

15/12/26 - Nativity to Parents at Bibury Parish Church

16/12/26 - Class Visit afternoon – Parents welcome in School from 3pm

17/12/26 - Christmas Dinner Day

Thank you for all of your support so far.

Here's to an excellent term,

Dr Wallis