

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We hope you have all had an amazing Christmas break. This term's enquiry title is 'What makes our world great?' We will be spending the term researching famous explorers. The children will be finding out about famous people such as Amelia Earhart and Captain James Cook. Alongside this they will be exploring incredible places around the world and comparing different climates. In science the children will be investigating animals and their habitats.

**Morning Routine**

It is very important that the register is taken at 8:40 am so the children are ready to begin the day's activities. In each class the children will come in and complete their handwriting.

**PE**

PE will continue to be on set days but we ask you to please ensure all children have their PE kit in all week in case other opportunities arise during the week. PE kits will come home at the end of the day on a Friday. Please can you make sure they are returned Monday morning. Our games PE session will be outside; due to the unpredictable weather please make sure that a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are in the bag at all times. To make sure no one misplaces their clothes, can we ask that your child's name is visible on the labels.

**Reading**

As a class we will visit the library regularly during the week. During this time children have access to a range of books and can change their books as frequently as they wish. Please remind your children if they need to change their books as they have the opportunity almost daily. Reading is very important, please hear your child read as often as possible, this could be their school books or any reading material you have at home e.g. stories, magazines, puzzles, information books etc. Please record this in their books so we can see all their hard work.

**Homework/Spellings**

The homework will continue to be sent home at the beginning of every term. There are lots of activities on the sheet but if you can think of any more please show us in your books! Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday.

**SATs**

KS1 SATs will be taking place during w/c 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. The children will still have a normal school day and will be unaware that they are undertaking pieces of work that will then be assessed. Please make sure that children arrive as promptly as possible and have had a good breakfast on these days. We will be holding a year 2 SATs meeting for parents shortly where we will go through our expectations and answer any questions you may have.

**Communication**

We are available before or after school on most days if you wish to come and see us for any particular reason. Alternatively you can leave a message in the home/school contact books or email and we will respond as soon as possible: yr123@redoaks.swindon.sch.uk

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Mrs Maxfield and Miss McGahey ☺