

# RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

*Dear Parents and Children*

*Welcome back to a brand-new topic, in a brand-new term, in a brand-new year! We have lots of new and exciting things planned for the children in their new topic.*

*This term our topic is ‘People who help us.’ Connected to our topic we are going to find out about the police force and check our fingerprints, to know how to prevent fires and what to do if you discover a fire, to know how to keep good dental hygiene, discover how a teacher helps their class and the role of a doctor in helping us stay healthy. We will also be completing studies on Florence Nightingale as part of our history lessons and discover important aspects of Florence Nightingale’s life. We will be finding out about the differences between nurses from the Crimean time and in the present day.*

***Year 2 and Year 1** children. We will continue to have our spelling session on a Friday morning this term. Your child will receive spellings on a Friday to learn with you throughout the week and be tested on them the following Friday. We will also do an additional practise in school on a Thursday so it will help your child if they have their spelling book with them on a Thursday too. The spellings your child receives will be connected to their phonics for that week and occasionally topic based.*

*Please ensure your child has their book bag (not a rucksack as a book bag alternative) with reading book and reading record in school every day and that spelling books are in school on Thursday and Fridays.*

*This term your children will go swimming on a Wednesday morning accompanied by Mrs Andrew and Miss Hyde. They will need to bring correct swimwear and a towel, and could we please request that the girls do not wear tights on a Wednesday when they are swimming. Thank you for your support. The children will continue to have PE with Mr Dyer on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child is wearing a full PE kit in the correct school colours, and please remove your child’s earrings on Wednesdays for swimming and PE, thank you.)*

***Reception Parents**, please could I remind you that your child needs a spare set of clothes, including underwear and socks, also to be kept at school in your child’s locker. This always proves very useful, especially for those children keen to use the water tray, should they be unfortunate enough to fall over on the wet, muddy playground or field as well as those other ‘inevitable’ accidents!*

*If you have anything at home that you think we might find useful in school this term connected to our ‘People who help us’ topic ... books, toys, dress up etc ... as always, we are very grateful for donations.*

*This terms home/school project is to make an emergency vehicle with 4 wheels – the submission date for this will be sent to you after half term.*

*Thank you for your continued support*

*Mrs Rachel Baker*

