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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. We have lots of exciting plans for the Spring term.

Nursery children will be enjoying learning linked to teddy bears. **Reception** children will be learning all about toys, finding out how they work and what materials have been used to make them. They will also enjoy finding out how toys have changed over recent years. **Year One** children will be enjoying exploring traditional tales, diving into music, role play, writing and art as well as finding out about the castles in our local area. **Year Two** children will be enjoying reading around the world, learning about and revisiting the names of the five continents and seven oceans. They will also be learning about the Great Fire of London.

Year Three will begin their topic by being immersed in the story of the 'Iron Man'. They will investigate magnets and design and make their own robot from recyclable materials collected on their visit to the scrap yard! **Year Four** children will be looking at animals and the habitats they live in around the world. They will be focusing on environmental issues and how these are impacting on animal habitats. **Year Five** children will be studying the space race between NASA and the Soviet Union, and as scientists, they will look at light and astronomy.

Year Six children will focus on mountains, from Mount Everest to Nine Standards Rigg. In history, they will be examining the exploits of key figures from the Heroic Age of Exploration, such as Edmund Hillary and George Mallory.

We really do value working in partnership with you and thank you for supporting your child with any work they are asked to complete at home, it really does make a difference to their attainment in school.

Attendance Matters

Evidence 

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

The data also shows that in 2019, primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

All the children will be receiving an attendance report for the Autumn Term.

We are aiming for all children to achieve an attendance of at least 95%.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please speak to myself or their class teacher.

Thank you



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.

Sports News

KS2 children will be enjoying Tennis and Hockey lessons on Wednesdays with Ellie from EVSP and KS1 children will be joining Shaun for football training on Mondays and Gymnastics with Mrs Barr on a Friday. Please remember to send your child to school with the appropriate clothing and footwear on these days.

Uniform

We have lots of uniform in lost property!

To help us return lost uniform, please ensure all items are clearly named.

Please ensure your child wears the appropriate school uniform, including black school shoes.



Fundraising News

The Christmas Fair Stalls raised a fantastic **£1,264.14** and Carol singing raised an amazing **£815.86** for school funds .
A big thank you to everyone from all at KSPS.