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Dear Families, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our Spring term. I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

During Spring 1 our topic is going to be "Transport". We will be making cross curricular links to teach English, Maths, Science, Humanities, PSHE, RE, Art and P.E. lessons around this topic.

We will continue to deliver specialised interventions and a life skills programme. The working relationship that we have established with external agencies is vital to build upon our existing strengths. We will receive support from the Speech and Language Therapist and Educational Psychologist. The collaborative work between school and external agencies continues to be extremely successful and we all have a very important role in promoting the children's positive development.

We will resume our swimming lessons on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please be reminded to send a swimming kit on this day, which must include swimming trunks/costume, a towel and a swimming hat. Our PE day will still be on a Friday so could you please ensure their PE kit is back in school. The children have been managing exceptionally well with changing into their kits for PE and back into their uniform after the lesson.

We would also like to re-emphasise the importance of the collaborative work between the school, parents and external agencies. The home-school books have been working well as a way for us to all communicate with each other frequently; thank you for your input into this and please do continue to share your messages with us. We are hoping to send home books for the children to read at home with you during the next few weeks. The children have been assessed and the books they will bring home will be appropriately matched to their current phonic and understanding level. Please could you try and encourage the children to share this book with you as frequently as possible so that together we can continue to support the development of a love of reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Nicola John, Sharon Ward and the ARP Team

