

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to what is set to be an exciting and fun-filled spring term. We hope you had a cheerful Christmas break and that Father Christmas brought you all that you wished for. As a team, we would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all of the kind and thoughtful gifts we received and we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2022!

This term, our whole school learning quest is entitled 'Help for Heroes'. Pyxis and Pegasus children will be saving the world in their topic 'I need a Hero', whilst Draconis will be delving in to the realms of castles and peasants, guilds and monasteries and cathedrals and crusades when learning about the middle ages in their topic 'Medieval Mayhem'. Centaurus will be exploring human rights and having meaningful discussions about migration and refugees in their topic 'Journeys'.

As always, if you have any books or resources which you feel will support your child's learning and are happy for them to bring these into school to share, it would be very much appreciated. Please ensure that any items are clearly marked with your child's name. Equally, if you feel you have any knowledge or skills that would link to our current learning quest, and you feel you would like to share them, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

On the reverse of this letter, you will find a more detailed outline of the other exciting curriculum subjects your child will be learning about this term.

To support your child with their learning at home, we would strongly advise you to listen to them read, and likewise, read to them on a regular basis; continue to use the online learning support tools e.g. Numbots and TT Rockstars and to engage with Class Dojo so that you are aware of what your child has been learning in school. In addition, it would benefit your child if you could help them with learning to tell the time and identify and use money.

Please note that Class Dojo is solely used for praise and celebration. Should you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's wellbeing, please could these be shared directly with your child's class teacher who will be more than willing to help.

Weekly Schedule

<u>Monday</u>	Books will be changed
<u>Tuesday</u>	
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<u>Thursday</u>	Books will be changed
<u>Friday</u>	Spelling test (Year 1) spellings and homework sent home for all children.

** Please ensure your child has warm, comfortable clothes, a coat and sensible footwear/wellingtons for our Muddy Monday sessions. Please can all children bring in a second pair of footwear to change into on wet and muddy days.*

Pyxis and Pegasus children to bring in a full P.E kit which will need to remain in school. Draconis and Centaurus children to wear their P.E kit to school on their P.E days. As we will be accessing the outdoors as much as possible, your child would benefit from wearing a warm sweat shirt and jogging bottoms when the weather is cold.

Homework is designed to support and reinforce your child's learning within the classroom and will include spellings for your child to learn. KS1 will be required to read on a daily basis and will be given weekly spellings to learn. In KS2, children will have times tables to practise and spellings to learn. On occasion, homework may be in the form of a supporting activity and may not always require marking. However, there may be times when your child will require your support to complete the task. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the school office.

Key dates for this half term for your diary:

Pyxis Muddy Mondays: 31st January, 28th February.

11th January - Swimming – Years 2 & Year 3

12th January – Ukulele starts for Draconis

18th January - Swimming – Year 4

25th January - Swimming – Years 2, 3 & 4 (every Tuesday in the spring Term)

7th February – Best Education Circus Skills Workshop

14th/15th February – Year 5/6 Bikeability

We understand that plans change throughout the day, but please could we ask that you notify the school if you are unable to pick your child up at the end of the school day and have arranged for an alternative trusted adult to do so. Due to safeguarding reasons, we are not able to send a child home with another adult until we have been notified by the child's parent about who will be taking them. If your child is unwell and is not able to come in to school, please could you inform the school office as soon as possible. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We hope that the information you find here is useful, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the school office.

We have no doubt that this will be a fun and enjoyable spring term at Magical Meare!

With Best Wishes

The Meare Team