



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you and your families had a lovely restful Christmas break.

We are excited to start the spring term and we have many exciting topics and activities planned which include:

Monday morning with have Dance with Erin

Tuesday morning, we have Drama with Art therapist Elizabeth and every other Tuesday afternoon music with Beth.

The children will participate in weekly PE sessions with Elliot on a Wednesday morning.

The Macaws and the Canaries class will continue with enrichment throughout the year. During the spring term the children will be learning the following topics:

*.Christianity – We will be looking inside churches and creating beautiful art pieces, for example stained glass windows.*

*The World and environment around me.*

*Living things and our Ecosystem.*

On a Wednesday the children will go shopping to buy cookery ingredients for cookery which will take place on Thursday. We will shop in the local and wider community. The Macaws and Canaries class will alternate the weeks.

In February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating mental health week. The Macaws and Canaries class are inviting you to join us for breakfast. The date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9:30. This will take place in the dining hall.

For more information please see the spring timetable and medium-term plan on the school website.

Update on the class guinea pigs. Sugar and Spice spent the Christmas holidays at home with Gem and her family. They enjoyed lots of vegetables and treats (all guinea pig friendly!) The guinea pigs have a new home, they are now living in the Jungle room in the Macaws class during the colder months.

If you would like to spend some time with Sugar and Spice during the holidays please let us know. Their cage, food and any other necessities will be provided. Any donations towards the cost of keeping Sugar and Spice happy and health would be greatly

received. For example: Guinea pig pellets, hay, toys, beds and fresh food.

We value your input and communication, please feel free to send us a message via email or class Dojo informing us of anything your child has done over the evening or weekend. How they have slept, or any other additional information you think may help us.

You can email Gem or Jane at:

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### Class contribution

We would greatly appreciate a contribution of £1per week towards the cost of buying cooking ingredients.

Thank you for your continuous support.

The Macaws and Canaries teams

