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Dear Parents/Carers of the Marvellous Meerkats class,

Firstly, happy new year, we hope that there were positive moments during the Christmas period but also hoping that you are ready and willing to embrace routines again.

This half term's topic is based around the weather, which was very fitting with the arrival of some snow! We continue to follow The Equals Curriculum and are continuously developing learning behaviours, whilst expanding our skills in a variety of ways.

Our daily routines remain the same, incorporating different experiences which allow our children to grow and shine both socially and academically.

We continue to have PE on a Thursday morning and Forest School on a Friday afternoon.

Although we are a small class, it would be very helpful if you could label all your child's belongings with their names, as this would enable a safe return back to the rightful owner. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 24th February is our Open Afternoon and we'd love for Meerkats class to be able to showcase some of their talents through Enrichment Homework.

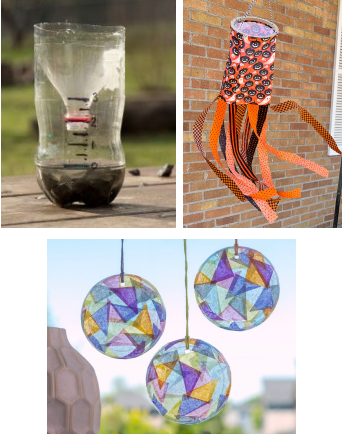
As previously mentioned, our focus this half term will be **Weather** - thinking about the different types of weather, the changes in the seasons, the types of clothes that are appropriate for different weather types, sensory experiences, stories about different weather, as well as weather dances.

If you and your child would like to complete an activity at home to showcase in the hall, you could choose from one of the following.

<u>Weather Art</u> Choose a form of weather that you like? How could you represent this in art form? You could use paint to paint a rainbow or create a collage using cotton wool balls for the clouds, or how about using the leaves that the wind has blown down to make a picture.	
<u>Experiencing the weather</u> Could you venture out in different weather types and take some photos? Look at what types of clothing you need to wear if it's sunny but cold, is this different to what you may need when it's raining?	



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<u>Symbols</u> Look at different symbols that represent the weather - can you choose the correct symbol for each day to create your own weather report?	
<u>Weather Tool</u> Can you make a Weather Tool, maybe a rain gauge using a plastic bottle or a wind sock using paper and ribbon, or how about a sun catcher using cellophane.	

These are only a guide and are not compulsory and if there's anything else you'd like to share, please do! Please bring in any contributions on Tuesday 24th February.

As always, any problems, questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact.
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