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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We recognise that at the end of last term, Marlin class had a change of teacher mid-way through the year again. Therefore, I write to you today with an update as to the ongoing support to be offered to Marlin Class.

Firstly, we appointed an experienced, highly regarded, key stage 2 teacher, Mrs Charlotte Benn, who is the class teacher for Marlin class five days a week. I am sure you will agree that Mrs Benn has already made a fantastic start this week.

We would like to invite you to a "Meet the Teacher" meeting with Mrs Benn and Miss Brassley straight after school on Thursday 12th January. This will be an opportunity for all parents to meet Mrs Benn. In addition to this, if you would like to schedule an individual appointment to discuss your child with Mrs Benn and Miss Brassley, then please do contact the school office and this can be arranged for you.

Each child has been receiving personalised homework according to their needs- this will continue. The following are examples of ways in which the homework has been personalised since September: personalised weekly spellings, GPS, reading comprehension and either Maths online or Maths GPS books. In March, all children will have a Maths GPS book.

All year 6 children are currently offered after school tuition. Some Marlin children have already been selected to start their year 6 tutoring provision early and have been invited to attend after school tutoring sessions.

Since September, Marlin class have always had an additional adult where there has been one available. This has meant that for the majority of the time, Marlin class have had a TA in their class for the entire day. This will continue. Focus groups will continue to run throughout the year, groups which are running this term are, additional reading, handwriting, spelling, times tables, general English and Maths catch up groups.

At the 'meet the teacher' evening, Ms Brassley and Mrs Benn will be explaining our assessment system- target tracker. There will be an opportunity given for you to request a copy of your child's target tracker assessment. This will show the learning objectives which your child is secure in and the objectives which they require extra practice with. It is important you attend the meeting, as otherwise the report which is sent home, may seem overwhelming. As we are only two terms into the year, there will be objectives which have not yet been covered, as they are planned for later on in the school year. Therefore, the teachers will be able to show you how to ascertain whether an objective has not yet been taught or whether it has been taught and your child has had difficulty in meeting the objective.

In addition to the homework books and online materials which we currently send home, you will soon be receiving some additional resources to support your child at home. These will be books exclusive to Marlin class, for every child. They will have the objectives in the books, so that you are able to cross reference the gaps your child may have (as identified in the aforementioned Target Tracker reports) with the relevant pages/objectives in the books.

We will be starting Sats preparation at the end of year 5, earlier than we have started in previous years.



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Please remember that there are also lots of spaces left at homework club on a Friday and also book club on a Tuesday. Mrs Benn will be taking over Mrs Kearney's book club and again, this will be another excellent opportunity for Marlin class to have an extra hour of focused reading time, with their own class teacher.

Marlin class will be in the usual annual cycle of parent evenings, with the next dates in February.

There will also be the regular, detailed, annual report at the end of the year, in addition to the above.

We hope you recognise that there is lots of support in place and to follow for Marlin class. We are so appreciative for the support we have received from parents throughout the year and we would like to continue to develop this good working partnership.

Kindest regards,

Miss Martin

Headteacher

