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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing break and an amazing Christmas! I would like to thank everyone for making me feel very welcome here at Brixton St Mary's. I am very excited to be starting the new year with Potter class. We have a busy term ahead of us and lots of things going on, so hopefully this letter will help to get the term started off smoothly. Mrs Kay and I have discussed plans for Potter class, and both want the transition to be as smooth as possible for the children. The children have all settled in well and have made a good start to the term.

P.E for Potter Class will continue to be on Tuesday. We will also be doing P.E at other points during the week. This year, after your child has brought their P.E. Kit in on the first week of term, I will send it home on the last day of the half-term. Should you need their P.E kit or want to wash it and any point before this, please do let me know and your child will bring it home. I have made this decision to ensure that children continually have their P.E kit throughout the term and do not have to worry about carrying to and fro school twice a week.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that due to the unpredictable weather, please could your child come to school with a coat every day so they may enjoy their playtimes outside. In addition to this, we highly encourage you to label their clothing to ensure it does not get misplaced.

All children will continue to bring home a reading book each night and will change their books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This allows them to read the book more confidently and means you and your child can focus on other elements such as expression and comprehension should you wish. Could you please remember to write any comments in each evening and to return them to school each morning. I appreciate any support you give in helping your child with their reading and keywords. It really does make a big difference.

This term we are going to be learning lots of exciting new things! Attached with this letter is the curriculum overview for the first half term which will tell you exactly what we are doing in each subject! This term we have lots of exciting topics to cover. We have a new enquiry-based foundation subject curriculum which means the children will be set a big question and will spend a certain length of time finding out information to answer it.

Our questions for the first half of the Spring term are:

- Would you rather live in Australia or the UK? (Geography)
- Why are humans not like lions? (Science)

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. I will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work. Perhaps they could share it with you too!

If you have anything to share with the class or comments about the topic and its contents please do get in touch, it would be great to share personal experiences or items with the children.

We would greatly appreciate if children could bring in any cardboard tubes such as a kitchen roll tubes that you have spare, as we would like to use these to make our rain sticks as part of our art project.

Finally, if for any reason you have any worries or concerns, please always feel free to come and see me, I am more than happy to listen to your thoughts.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Lauren Kelly