Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break with your families and are ready to go for it this New Year. Our topic this term is 'The World'. We will be exploring this concept throughout all the lessons we do and trying to bring some of the outdoors to school to explore! Parent partnership meetings for other classes are being arranged for the next two weeks, however, since Tamsin is new, she will endeavour to make contact with you all over the next couple of weeks to introduce herself but we will arrange parent partnership meetings for the Little Orchard class closer to half term when she has been able to get to know the learners better.

<u>Maths</u>

Term:

Spring 1

This half term we will exploring measure and capacity through hands on, sensory based activities. We will also continue to work on our counting and understanding number skills and also exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

<u>English</u>

This half term will be exploring our topic which is all about 'The World'. We will be exploring the difference between hot and cold. This half term we will be looking at the creation story and identifying key information.

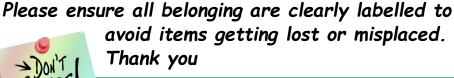
<u>PSHE</u>

Our topic this half term will be looking at 'Living in the wider world'. We will be exploring this through a story about different jobs and roles in society and looking at how these people can help us.

PE

This term we will focusing on balance. We will be working on this through the use of balancing benches, pummel horses, crash mats and climbing equipment. We will continue with swimming and hope to gain some awards this term!

<u>RE</u>: We will be looking at the Easter story, and exploring this through some role play and dress up activities.









Tamsin—Class Teacher

Lisa—Midday Supervisor



Little Orchard team photo

<u>Class Fund</u>

Thank you to those who contribute to our half termly class fund, this supports us in our Cooking/ Design and Technology lessons. We politely ask for a $\pounds 5$ voluntary contribution each half term. If you are able to contribute please do so through Parent Pay.

Swimming

We will be swimming on Tuesday and Thursday, however if there are any spare pool slots we will make the use of these so, please ensure that your child has a swim kit, including a towel, clearly labelled with their names, sent in for this. Please provide a swimming pad/incontinence swimwear if your child requires this.

Outdoor Learning

We will be spending lots of time learning outside this term with Lisa, our outdoor learning lead. Please ensure that your child is ready for all weathers! Please ensure they come to school with labelled waterproof coat and a change of clothes. Wellies would also be useful if possible.

Welcome to the new team members!

As you can see, Little Orchard continue to be supported by Chloe, Codyann, Andrew, Maria and Lisa. We welcome Tamsin as the new class teacher. We also welcome Liam, as a further member of the teaching assistant team for this class.

<u>A little bit about Tamsin</u>

I enjoy being outside and going on walks with my dog. My favourite colour is red and my favourite meal is a roast dinner with all the trimmings.

For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.

www.doubletrees.org.uk