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Happy new year everybody! I hope you have all had a restful and festive holiday and are looking forward to the exciting learning we will be doing this term.



Our Topic for this term is: Homes around the world

This term I am very excited as we will be travelling around the world. The main theme running through our learning this term will be homes around the world and will be incorporated into many areas of learning such as English, Art, Geography and Science. In English we will be designing our own homes. In geography we will be looking at the different countries and finding out what it would be like to live there and finally in science we will be investigating different materials.

Things you need to know:

- **PE** will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays** so please make sure the children come to school wearing their P.E kits with appropriate footwear on these days (in line with the school's uniform policy). **Mr Ballard, our sports coach**, will be taking the class for their P.E lessons.
- Books will be changed **frequently** and once your child has read the book **multiple** times. It is important to read the same book a couple of times to help children with their fluency, comprehension and phonics when reading.
- Please don't forget to log in to **Tapestry** at home. We are frequently adding posts about what Donaldson class are learning about at school and I also set challenges to complete over the weekend. Feel free to post any learning, fun things you do at home onto tapestry so that we can share with others in the class. **Tapestry** is also where home learning will be added to if your child is isolating due to COVID. If you are struggling to log in let me know.
- Recently we have been adapting our outdoor area and we now have some new apparatus. It is lots of fun however, it can get quite muddy due to the grassy bank. If you would like to bring wellies for your child to pop on their peg to use that would be great! We have got some spare.

If you ever have any questions about your child's learning and how you can support them at home please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Miss Johnson