

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had an amazing Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine! We are really looking forward to the term ahead and have some fabulous things planned including our Class Assembly on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Miss Salter has returned from her complimentary placement in Swindon and will now be back with us until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Book change will continue to be every Monday and Thursday. The children will also be bringing home a reading book for pleasure, this will be a book chosen by them from our library. This book should be a shared reading experience.

In addition to the reading books, this term the children will also be bringing home a phonics screening practise booklet each Thursday. This will consist of 40 words, 20 alien words that are decodable and 20 real words. All of the words contain the graphemes the children have been taught in school, they can add in their sound buttons if they find this helpful. Oral decoding and blending are perfectly fine too, there is no expectation that every word should be read by sight. All of this extra practise will really help with the work we are doing in school ahead of the phonics screening check that will be the week of the 6<sup>th</sup> June – this is something that all children in Year 1 will do across the nation.

#### Home learning

Your support at home makes a huge difference and is always greatly appreciated.

**Reading** – daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child at home. Even if your child is a free reader, hearing them read, helping with unfamiliar vocabulary and discussing the story and characters makes a huge difference.

**Phonics** – See note above regarding the phonics screening practise material brochures being sent home.

#### Seesaw

In addition to the daily reading and phonics work, a weekly activity relating to either maths or writing will be uploaded to Seesaw. This work can be completed directly on Seesaw, printed, copied or answered on paper and then a photograph uploaded. If you are having any problems accessing Seesaw then please let me know.

**Forest School:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**PE Sessions:** Tuesday and Thursday

On the occasion when the children have PE and Forest school on the same day, the children should wear something that is suitable for both. PE kit would be fine but if you wanted to wear older clothing instead this would work too.

Class photos are on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Money Workshop Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Class Assembly Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Last term we were very grateful to have a few parent helpers come in and hear the children read, this was lovely and the children thoroughly enjoyed the time! If you are able to come in and help this term please drop me an email with the days and times you are available. Any time is greatly appreciated.

Miss Igoe and Miss Salter