

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the next six weeks of learning.

Hopefully your child showed you the tomato seeds courtesy of Pizza Express. My daughter works there when home from uni and managed to grab a few for us to plant. We will plant some in school too. Fingers crossed for lots of yummy tomatoes in the summer.

Our trip to **Westonbirt is on Friday 1st May**. Please make sure you have paid for this and sent in your consent form.

Phonics Next term we have the Year 1 phonics screening test. We will be practising for this with the children in school but the best thing you can do to help prepare the children is to continue to reinforce and practise the Phase 5 sounds.

Reading Daily reading at home is one of the most important things you can do to support your child. The books we send home from school are matched to your child's current reading ability so that they can decode the text, understand what they have read and be able to discuss the book with an adult.

We expect your child to read at least a couple of pages of their book every day and to reread the books they are given. Please record every time your child reads. **We check reading diaries every day so please make sure your child's reading book and reading diary are in their bags every day.**

Book change will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday. We encourage you to re-read each book as this helps build language development, word recognition and fluency.

PE This term Class 1 will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays and children must come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. All items of PE kit need to be clearly labelled.

Snack and water bottles Please ensure your child has a **named**, refillable water bottle in school every day. This should contain water only.

A fruit snack is provided for your child but if they would like to bring in a healthy snack they are most welcome to. This must **NOT** be chocolate, sweets or crisps and **MUST NOT** contain nuts. Processed meat products are also not considered to be healthy snacks.

Forest School Forest school clothes (long sleeved tops, trousers/leggings and waterproofs) can be worn to school on Forest School days. Named wellies can either be left in school on the racks outside of the classroom, or brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home again.

Our Forest School sessions this term are on **Wednesday 29th April and Wednesday 20th May**.

Please do not hesitate to speak with myself or Mrs Simpson after school about any concerns or queries.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Serle 😊

