



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another busy but exciting term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. The children have started the term with excitement and quickly settled back into school routines. Hopefully the sunshine will soon make more of a regular appearance! Please remember to send a sun hat with your child and apply sunscreen as the weather gets warmer. We do like to get outside as much as possible.

We are continuing our mission of trying to exercise regularly through the 'daily mile' and 'go noodle' sessions, so please ensure your child has suitable shoes in school. Last term the 'Reading at 3' on Thursday and Friday was a great success so thank you so much for those of you who joined us for these sessions. These sessions will not take place this term but we do hope you will continue to read regularly with your children. Lots of children managed to earn their 'Over the Rainbow' book as they read so many times at home and I'm hopeful I will see lots more this term!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions throughout the term please do not hesitate to come and see me. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Eckley-Gardner

Homework

A huge thank you for the completed homework challenges over the Easter break! It was lovely to see so many returned!

Feel free to continue with them over the term!

Reading remains our priority for homework. Please listen to your child read regularly and ask them questions about what they have read. It is also important for



children to enjoy sharing a book with you so please take every opportunity to read to them, maybe at bedtime or alternate pages when they read to you!

Common Exception Words

There are a selection of common exception words which children need to learn to read and spell, these can be found on our website or ask your class teacher for a print out.

Class teachers may send out homework specifically for your child, please support your child in completing this. We really do value your support.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring they have their P.E. kit in school. It should be in school for the whole week or if you prefer for the whole of the half term. We can always send it home if it gets very dirty!



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which should include their reading book and reading journal. This enables the children to change their books regularly and for us to read any comments you have made in their journals.



What are we learning this term?

We will be exploring the questions 'Emergency! What do I do?' and 'Would I like to live in a castle?' this term with the build-up of children visiting a real life castle!

English: The fictional series of 'The Lighthouse Keeper' will be used as a stimulus for children to learn about emergencies at sea. They will write their own story based on the text. During the term, they will also learn about instructional writing and adventure stories.

Maths: We will continue to teach the objectives set out in the National Curriculum.

Science: Children will be investigating seeds and plants. They will need to look after their own seed and help it to grow!

Weekly P.E. sessions will take place following the Real PE scheme with lessons taking place outside as much as possible in the glorious sunshine!

During our R.E. sessions we will learn about 'What makes some places sacred?'

| Diary Dates – Summer 1 | |
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| Monday 23 rd April PM | Literacy Trust Event (selected children – letter has already been sent out) |
| Monday 7 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Wednesday 16 th May 2.40pm | 1H Class Assembly |
| Wednesday 23 rd May 2.40pm | 1G Class Assembly |
| Friday 25 th May | Last day of term! |

| Diary Dates – Summer 2 | |
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| Monday 4 th June | Back to school |
| Wednesday 6 th June Time 2pm | KS1 Performance 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper!' |
| Thursday 7 th June | French Day |
| Friday 8 th June & Thursday 14 th June | Road Safety Workshops |
| Monday 11 th June – Friday 15 th June | Phonics Screening Check |
| Wednesday 13 th June 2.40pm | 1L Class Assembly |
| Friday 15 th June | Full House Friday |
| Monday 18 th June | 1H Castle Visit |
| Tuesday 19 th June | 1G Castle Visit |
| Thursday 21 st June | 1L Castle Visit |
| Monday 25 th June PM | Literacy Trust Event (selected children – letter has already been sent out) |
| Monday 9 th July | Sports Day |
| Monday 16 th July PM | Literacy Trust Event (selected children – letter has already been sent out) |
| Friday 20 th July | Last day of the school year! |

Yours sincerely

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