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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy the beautiful weather. We are very excited to welcome the children back for the summer term and have lots of fun and exciting activities planned to continue your child's learning journey.

This term our whole school quest is 'Let's Grow Together'. We have planned a variety of learning experiences including further developing the children's understanding of chronology and what we have learnt from the past by finding out about The Fire of London as well as developing our geographical and scientific skills by exploring our local area through map work and finding out about the wide variety of plants and trees within our locality, as well as exploring the structure of plants and what they need in order to flourish and grow. We will continue our scientific investigations to help us understand seasonal changes, including carrying out observations and recording daily weather patterns. In English we will enjoy poetry, story writing and learning how to write instructional texts. More information can be found on our summer term quest overview attached to this letter. We encourage you to use this overview as a prompt to generate conversations with your children at home about what they have been doing at school.

Reading

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions to support children's reading and writing, further developing their skills at using and applying the knowledge they have to read fluently and write with accurate spellings. We will continue to share a wide variety of stories, rhymes and poems on a daily basis and use this as an opportunity to develop vocabulary and understanding of language. Our author of the term is Quintin Blake.

Thank you for your support with home reading over the year. Please can we ask you to continue to read with your child five times a week for 10 minutes, this will make a big difference to your child's reading progress and fluency. Your child's reading books will continued to be changed on a Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child brings in their reading log and books to school **each day** so that we can listen to them read in school. It is important that children have the opportunity to read these books more than once to help develop their reading fluency. As they become more familiar with the content of the book, so they will read with greater confidence and expression. If they get a book they have read before, it is still worth reading again. Being familiar with a book allows children to read the text with greater understanding of what is happening in the book.





Spellings and handwriting

We will continue to give the children spellings to practise at home every week. These spellings maybe be linked to the phonics we are doing in class or common exception works (tricky words) that they use regularly in their writing. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested on the following Friday, you will find the spellings in the reading record book. Please support your child in learning their spellings in a variety of ways. A suggestion sheet was sent out previously. If you would like another copy, please message us via the class email.

Maths

It is also beneficial to practice maths with your child. Practically with toys or other objects are a fun way to do this. The topics we are covering in the Summer Term are listed in the quest overview.

PΕ

In Class 1, PE sessions for the summer term will be on a Monday and Friday. We may also complete some golden mile running at other times in the week, so please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. This term we are doing multiskills, orienteering, and athletics, as well as continuing to work on developing our core strength and balance through games in our PE lessons. We are fortunate to have some enrichment PE lessons with premier sport this term on **Wednesday 27**th **April**, **Tuesday 21**st **June** and **Wednesday 6**th **July**.

Forest School

This term class 1 have forest school on Wednesday 11th May and Monday 4th July.

Communication

Communication will continue to be online via the class email address or ParentMail.

We hope you find this information useful and we look forward to an enjoyable summer term with the children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lewis, Mrs Atterton, Mrs Cutler and Mrs Bray.

