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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a lovely sunny start to Summer Term. We have an exciting and busy term ahead and we are really looking forward to continuing your child's learning journey with them.

This term our quest is **Castles, Kings and Queens**. We have planned a variety of learning experiences including a trip to Dunster Castle with Class 2 on **1st July**, details will follow later. We will link our quest learning through Geography, History, Art and DT. We will also have an opportunity to spend time with children from other Year 1 classes when we take part in a multi-skills sports morning at Kingsmead on **15th May**. Don't forget you will need to order a packed lunch that day or provide one. We also a 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' assembly and workshop on **12th June** run by Carrymoor Environmental Trust.

Reading

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions to support children's reading and writing. We also share lots of stories with the children during the day and talk about what we are reading and ask comprehension questions. Please aim to read with your child at least four times a week for 10 minutes.

Your child's reading books will continued to be changed on a Monday and Friday, whenever it is possible. 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 understanding, confidence and expression.

Spellings

We will continue to send out spellings each week, these will be based on our phonics learning and additional Year 1 Common Exception Words and Year 1 High Frequency words will also be added throughout the year. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested on the following Friday (there may be a few date changes due to bank holidays). Please support your child to learning their spellings.

Thank you for supporting your children in learning their spellings. It has been lovely to see how confident the children have been taking on this new challenge. *As the children as doing so well, I have included (at the end of this document) a list of common exception words which children should learn in Year 1 (and Year 2).* These are words which are not easily phonically plausible. Some of these words are included in our weekly spellings but your children would benefit from learning them with you.



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Maths

As well as helping with the maths subjects listed in the Quest document, you can help your child with at home: counting to 100, reading numbers up to 100, counting forward and backwards from any number up to 100. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We continue to practise writing the digits the correct way round and this is something you could encourage at home.

Writing and handwriting

We would encourage you to provide paper and pencils at home for writing. A big focus in Year 1 is simple punctuation and children should be encouraged to use a capital letter, finger spaces and a full-stop. Their spelling is mostly phonetic at this stage. In class, we practise handwriting every day, we are practising using a lead in to form letters. It would be useful to practise handwriting at home, including capital letters which should be tall.

PE

PE sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday. Sometimes we have to move the PE session to a different day so please continue to ensure the children have their kit every day.

Forest School

This term class 1 have Forest School on **14th May** and then jointly with Class R on **16th July**.

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

Best wishes,

Ms Boullin, Mrs Cutler and Mr Lee.

Please see word lists on the next page



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Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	his	go	ask
a	has	so	friend
do	I	by	school
to	you	my	put
today	your	here	push
of	they	there	pull
said	be	where	full
says	he	love	house
are	me	come	our
were	she	some	
was	we	one	
is	no	once	

Year 2

door	climb	break	pass	could	again
floor	most	steak	plant	should	half
poor	only	pretty	path	would	money
because	both	beautiful	bath	who	Mr
find	old	after	hour	whole	Mrs
kind	cold	fast	move	any	parents
mind	gold	last	prove	many	Christmas
behind	hold	past	improve	clothes	everybody
child	told	father	sure	busy	even
children	every	class	sugar	people	
wild	great	grass	eye	water	



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100 High Frequency Words

the	we	mum	get
and	can	one	just
a	are	them	now
to	up	do	came
said	had	me	oh
in	my	down	about
he	her	dad	got
I	what	big	their
of	there	when	people
it	out	it's	your
was	this	see	put
you	have	looked	could
they	went	very	house
on	be	look	old
she	like	don't	too
is	some	come	by
for	not	will	day
at	then	into	made
his	were	back	time
but	go	from	I'm
that	little	children	if
with	as	him	help
all	no	Mr	Mrs
an	saw	off	called
so	make	asked	here



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