



Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half term break and are ready to start the new term! This term, our school value is 'Courage' and we will be thinking about how we can show courage. In Reception, our topic title this term is 'Journeys and Mapping'. We will be reading the following books in more detail: '*The Gruffalo*' by Julia Donaldson and the traditional tale '*Little Red Riding Hood*'.

### **PE**

This term, PE will continue to be on a Wednesday for R1MS and RCB. Please ensure long hair is tied back and any earrings have been covered or removed. Please send in a clearly labelled named P.E kit which needs to come back in the first week and remain in school all term. This should include a white t-shirt, black shorts, daps/trainers, socks and spare underwear. It is worth putting in a pair of plain dark tracksuit bottoms and a jumper as the weather can still be cold and sometimes, we may be outside. Please also ensure that all school uniform is named as often clothes can get mixed up whilst changing for PE.

### **Water bottles**

Please can you provide your child with a clearly named plastic water bottle to use throughout the day. The children can refill their bottles from the tap in the classroom. We will also provide your child with a mid-morning snack of fresh fruit. If you have signed up to Cool Milk then your child will also have a carton of milk to drink in the morning unless they are already 5.

### **Reading**

Please encourage your child to read their books to you and share the reading for pleasure books together. Please remember to record your child reading to you in their reading record. A reminder, we only count the times a child reads a Big Cat/Little Wandle book at home as part of our reading initiatives/prizes, not reading for pleasure books or books you may have at home. We will continue to change books regularly. The book they bring home on a Thursday/Friday is one they have read during the week with us and has a star on it. Please make time for your child to read this book with you and return this on Monday mornings.

### **Homework**

Please keep using the phonics book to practise what we have been learning at school and also keep it in your child's bookbag. There won't be any new graphemes but please keep practising any your child doesn't know (we may write some in each week.) We will also be sending home some words for your child to segment and blend to read as well as tricky words to read. Could you also please practise forming letters correctly.



### School Times

- Classroom doors open at 8:30am. Please arrive on time or your child will have a late mark.
- Friday collection is 1:30pm.

### Online Safety

We will be talking to your child about how they can be safe online. At Moredon, we follow our SMART rules. Here they are for your information:

S – Stay SAFE online by not sharing your personal information.

M - Do not MEET anyone who you have only become friends with online.

A – Do not ACCEPT messages and friend requests from people you do not know.

R – Not everything online is RELIABLE. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.

T – TELL an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Please see Dojo and Newsletters for any dates.

- Remember we have Reading week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – please see the letter on Dojo for what is happening. Our dress up as a book character day is **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, not Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> in line with the rest of the school due to our trip.
- 6<sup>th</sup> March Reception trip to Westonbirt – please wear school uniform.
- 10<sup>th</sup> March we have chicken eggs arriving in school and the children will be able to watch them hatch and grow.
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Class photos.
- Parents' Evening will be held this term on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Marr      Mrs Smith      Miss Bentley