**Tuesday 25th April 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5! Wow, time is flying by so quickly! We’ve had so much fun so far. I hope you had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed for another exciting term of learning. Last term, it was so rewarding to see the progress the children have made, and I’m eager to see even more growth this term.

The theme this term is ‘Amazing Africa’. See the Curriculum Web for more comprehensive details, but our learning will include locating Africa on the world map and learning the names of some of its countries. We will also research features of a contrasting location and compare the UK to a specific location in Africa. Additionally, we will present information about Africa.

**Home learning**

As always, the SPAG homework books will go home every Friday and will need to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday. Additionally, the maths books will go out every Tuesday, and will need to be completed and returned by Friday. Both books will be dated and highlighted at the top of the page that needs to be completed each week.

Please also ensure your child is reading at home and don’t forget to mark down when you have read with your child. All children will get a token once they have read 30 times at home and will be able to use the vending machine to acquire a new book!

**How can you help your child at home?**

A question frequently asked during parents evening was ‘How can I support my child at home?’ Here are a range of ways you can support your child at home. These will really help towards meeting the end of year expectations and ensure readiness for year 3 in their new school.

- Read with your child daily or as often as you can. This will develop their fluency. Encourage your child to read books at home. To visit the local library and take out books that your child is interested in. Ask your child questions about what they have read. Encourage your child to make predictions and recall events from the book.

- Practice letter formation at home. Writing on lined paper rather than plain paper. Having high expectations of neat handwriting. Some children will be beginning to join letters.

- Practice your child’s spellings with them daily in a fun, interactive way. E.g. using coloured pens, bubble writing, white boards, chalk.

- Writing about experiences that your child has had at home, writing shopping lists, keeping a diary, writing cards/letters. Checking your child’s use of skills.

- Practice using real coins. Role play shop keeping. Discuss with your child how much items cost when shopping. Sorting and counting coins.

- Use scales to measure the weight of items when cooking or playing. Use a ruler to measure things around the house. Use the language of shorter, longer, heavier and lighter when talking with your children.

- Practice telling the time throughout the day. Draw clocks to show the time and play interactive games.

- Tying their own shoelaces.

- Be responsible for their own belongings, e.g. tidying up after themselves.

- Packing their own belongings for school including homework. (Children will need reminding what to pack on each day).

**PE**

PE will continue to be on Thursdays and children should come to school dressed ready in their PE kit. Please check uniform requirements to ensure your child’s PE kit meets the expectation.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please feel free to get in touch. I'm happy to help.

Kind Regards

Miss C. Shearer