Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you’ve all enjoyed spending time together over the February Half-term break, and the children have come back ready to continue their Year 1 journey in 2025. It was a fantastic term two together, and it was lovely getting to know all of the children and support them with the learning. I am excited to see where this term takes us, as they all continue to develop as individuals and learners.

Here are some helpful reminders for the term ahead:

**PE**

Appropriate indoor and outdoor PE kit should be worn every **Thursday** for PE lessons. Please refer to our uniform policy to ensure your child has the correct PE kit. All children must wear the correct coloured school t-shirt on PE days. A message will be sent home via Arbor if your child is not wearing the correct PE uniform.

**STANDARDS**

I will be continuing to encourage the children to take pride in the quality and presentation of their work, along with showing exemplary behaviour through our Southbroom CALM code. Our Kingfisher’s classroom will be a fun and exciting place for all children to thrive and learn. Children who regularly demonstrate our school values, and work hard upon their handwriting are going to be awarded with certificates during our weekly celebration assembly, held on Fridays. If your child is noted for being the weekly handwriting superstar, CALM code champion, or Star of the Week, I will message you on Dojo inviting you to join the assembly on a Thursday afternoon.

**HOME LEARNING**

**Reading** is an essential part of our learning and we expect children to read at **least 4 times a week at home**, which needs to include their school reading book at least twice. We encourage all children to explore a range of texts, stories, magazines, etc to widen the breadth of their reading knowledge. Reading books will continue to be sent home on a Friday, once your child has read to an adult in school at least 3 times. If your child keeps the same book for longer than one week, do not worry. This term we are having a big focus on reading with fluency, so the children will need to show me that they are a fluent reader, before their book is changed.

**Home learning as follows:**

**Monday** – Reading

**Tuesday** – Maths activity in book (due in by Thursday, please)

**Wednesday** – Reading

**Thursday** – Reading

**Friday** – Phonics activity in book (due in by Tuesday, please)

**PLEASE** only do the set activity in each book to avoid confusion – this will be dated and highlighted to help you.

Homework should be completed in grey pencil only (no pen please).

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. Please keep an eye out for our weekly school newsletter (SWAY) for regular updates and celebrations of the children’s learning in school.

**A few reminders for the term ahead:**

Children need to complete the home learning they have been given and hand the books in so that they can be marked. We will monitor the return of homework books closely. Home learning should only take approximately 10/15 minutes. If your child takes longer completing this, or is finding it challenging, please send me a message via ClassDojo.

I hope that you find this information useful in supporting your child’s learning both in school and at home. If you have any questions, please send me a message via ClassDojo or speak to a member of the Year 1 team on the door.

Miss Davies