Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you’ve all enjoyed spending time together over the Easter break, and the children are ready to continue with their Year 1 journey, in this summer term. We have already completed so much brilliant learning, and I am looking forward to where our learning takes us this term, with our new topic ‘Castles and Knights’. Throughout this term we will be designing shields, re-enacting a battle, learning about castles and the Norman Conquest to name just a few of the fun activities we have planned.

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.

**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 via Dojo, on a Thursday afternoon, inviting you to join the assembly that happens at 2:30 on a Friday 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 given phonic book at least twice. When reading this phonic book with your child, please encourage them to sound talk words in their heads, and re-read any sentences where they needed to sound out words. This will really support them in becoming fluent readers, and allow them to progress through the different phase phonic books. 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. I also want all children to develop a love towards reading a range of texts, including: stories, non-fiction texts, poetry, and magazines, to widen the breadth of their reading knowledge. We will be going to our school library every Wednesday to change our reading for pleasure book, so please ensure your child brings their book into school with them on this day, so they are able to exchange it for a new book, chosen by themselves.

**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 and a past phonic screener paper sheet (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.

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 at the beginning or end of the day.

Miss Davies