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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children have settled brilliantly following the Easter break. We are continuing with our **Reading Squad** sessions and we are so pleased with how well the children are doing with their reading. Every single child made progress and has now moved up at least one level. As a reminder, and for parents new to school, this is how Reading Squad works. Every child reads the same book 3 times a week with an adult. In session 1, the children decode the sounds to read the words. In session 2, the adult models reading the book with fluency and expression (prosody) and the children then re-read the book with this in mind. In session 3, the children answer simple comprehension questions about the book. After session 3, a similar book with the same sounds will be sent home.

Our topic this term is 'Terrific Tales' in which we will be learning about traditional tales (fairytales) and stories from

Africa. We have been testing materials for strength and have built a Big Bad Wolf proof house. We will also be learning about some African animals and fruits featured in our shared texts Handa's Surprise and Anna Hibiscus' Song. We will locate Africa on the world map in our classrooms and discuss the similarities and differences between Africa and the UK. We will use clay to make a piece of fruit for Handa's basket.

After May half term, our topic will be 'Watch It Grow' and we will be learning about plants and animals including their lifecycles.

This is a polite reminder to please bring your child's book bag to school on a **Tuesday**. We will send them home every Thursday. If they do not come in on a Tuesday, we cannot guarantee your child's book will be changed that week. Please try to read your child's reading book with them at least 3 times weekly and more if possible! Practise makes perfect! Home learning ideas and activities will be shared on dojo. These are not compulsory but you may wish to share what you have done on your child's dojo portfolio. In order to do this, you must be logged on as your child, not as a parent.

Both classes have their PE lesson on a Thursday and a Friday. Thursday's lesson is taught by Lucy from LC fitness and Dance. She works with the children on their physical development through music and movement including apparatus. As usual, all pupils will be required to arrive at school on Thursdays and Fridays in their P.E kits. They will then remain in their kit all day. Therefore there is no need for children to bring their P.E kits to school in a bag at all. P.E kit should consist of a dark tracksuit or shorts and school P.E top. Springfield hoodies may also be worn and are available to buy from Greenswear in Cleethorpes along with Springfield P.E t shirts. Please remove any earrings for P.E days. If they are not removed, for safety reasons, they will not be able to participate.

We have lots of lovely things to look forward to for the Summer term and have already enjoyed our library visit last week. Mrs Gooch, a specialist music teacher, has also been visiting us on Tuesday mornings. We are working towards a performance for parent's which will take place on the morning of **Tuesday 11th July**. We will send out further details and a reminder nearer the time.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the foundation staff. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Mrs Carrington, Mrs Nicklin and Mrs Holbrook