



23rd April 2018

Dear Parents,

Well, here we are, summer term already! A slightly belated welcome back to school for what we hope will be a very productive half term. As you will see from the attached planning sheets, we have lots to cover. Hopefully the children are well-rested and raring to go!

Our topic for this half term is 'Plants'. We will be planting lots of seeds and finding out what they need to grow into healthy plants. We are planning a trip to The Eden Project to support this topic, details to follow.

PE lessons will continue on Wednesday afternoons. We had a number of children without kits last term. Please make sure your child has everything they need for this Wednesday. Their PE bag should contain a pair of shorts, a tee-shirt and a pair of plimsolls or trainers as we have PE lessons outside this term, weather permitting. We will also be swimming every Monday this term.

Your child will continue to bring home a daily reading book, along with weekly spelling lists. The aim is to get them used to homework in preparation for what's to come, and to provide an opportunity for them to show you what they have learned at school. We are always impressed by the support that the children receive from you at home. It has a huge impact on the progress they make at school, so please do continue your efforts! A daily reading session in particular is so very valuable, and makes such a difference. Keep up the hard work!

Later this term, your child will take part in the phonics screening checks. This is a government initiative, designed to assess the children's decoding skills. The children are required to read forty words, half of which are real words and half 'pseudo-words'. There are some good online resources designed to help you practice at home, in particular, a website called 'Phonics Play'. Try the 'Reading Robot' game, which we use a lot at school. The checks will be administered in June, and parents will be made aware of the results before the end of term. Further information is available online at The Department for Education website.

As usual, please do come in to see us if you have a question, comment or concern. We are always available after school for a chat. Here's to a happy term!

Yours sincerely

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