

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter. We are really pleased with how the children have settled back into school routines and thank you for your support with this.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about some of the routines in KS1.

### Reading

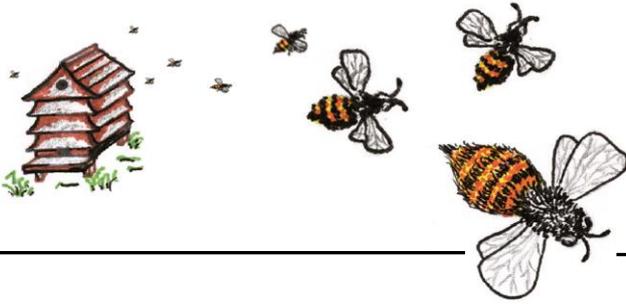
We believe that reading is the key to unlocking a child's imagination but also it provides a means of accessing information, instructions and understanding across a wide range of subjects. This is why we place such a high level of importance on reading fluency and comprehension. Your support in hearing your child read and asking them questions to determine their understanding of a story/text has a huge impact of their progress.

- All children will bring home a reading book to read at home every day. We encourage all children to read their reading book frequently at home to develop their love of reading and ensure they make the best progress and meet age related expectations through sharing a range of books. Some of these books are phonetically decodable and your child will be able to read them with little support, others are shared readers for you and your child to read together and these are clearly labelled.
- Book bags and reading books need to be in school every day so that we can hear the children read and change their books on a regular basis.
- Please make a comment and sign in your child's reading record as this helps us to work together to get the best outcomes in reading for your child.

### Homework

- Your child will receive a weekly homework task which will alternate between a Maths and an English focus. This task should take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete, if it is taking your child a lot longer than this please speak to your child's class teacher. Homework books need to be brought back into school on a Wednesday.
- Your child will receive a spelling word list to learn each week in their Spelling Practise Book. Their spelling lists will be given out each Friday and your child will be assessed the following Thursday. These books need to be brought back into school on a Wednesday.





- Your child will receive a maths number sheet each week which will support your child with instant recall of key facts. Children are given 5 minutes to complete these sheets as the skill is in being able to recall these key facts quickly to support mental arithmetic.
- We also encourage you to download the White Rose 1 minute maths app and use this daily with your child to further develop their mental maths strategies.

### PE

- We request that your child has a PE bag in school at the start of each half term as they will once again be getting changed for PE in school. PE kit consists of a plain red or white top or a school logo PE top, blue or black shorts or gym skirt and trainers.
- PE days are as follows: - Sunflower Class – Friday. Poppy Class – Wednesday. Forget Me Not – Monday. Bluebell – Thursday

As we are moving into the warmer weather children need a water bottle in school daily. In Key Stage One we do provide free fruit but if your child would prefer an alternative healthy snack then please ensure it is named and that your child brings it into the classroom with them.

Please ensure your child does not bring toys or any other things from home into school. If there is an organised show and tell the class teacher will send a message in plenty of time to give you opportunities to prepare something. If your child has something that supports our learning this term that they would like to share then please speak to your child's class teacher.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come in and speak to your child's teacher. We are always available at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely,

The KS1 Team

