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Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and let's hope that the sunshine continues to make an appearance!

We have an exciting term ahead, please see the attached learning web for more information.

We still have daily phonics lessons and hear your child read regularly. This will be in guided sessions, small groups and 1:1. Please continue to hear your child read at home. Ten minutes each day is ideal - reading each book four times to develop sight vocabulary and fluency. Your child will be given a new reading book on a Friday that links to the phonics we are learning in school. We are now focussing on applying phonics to writing and writing for a sustained amount of time, so please encourage your child to write at home too.

As you may be aware, the statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is in June (where children sit with the teacher to read 40 real and pseudo words based on their phonics learning over their Reception / Y1 years). The pass score is usually 32/40. The best practise for this is reading so please help us with this by encouraging your child at home.

P.E. is on a Thursday and **Swimming** starts on **Wednesday 22nd May** (so no swimming for the first week back). The children will need to wear their PE kits on both of these days!

Children will need a named swimming costume / swimming trunks (no board shorts), a named towel and a named swimming hat. Thank you so much to anyone that has volunteered to help with swimming, I will be in touch if we need any help! Can I also ask that you complete the swimming form if you have not done so already, I am happy to re-share.

Children still need a waterproof coat and sensible school shoes everyday as we often go outside. As the weather gets warmer please send in a named sun hat and apply high-factor sun cream to your child **before they come to school**. We are hoping to build in even more outside learning in terms 5 and 6.

As before, we will not be doing regular Show and Tell sessions. However, if the children have anything special to share with us (achievements to celebrate or items linked to our learning), please send it in or take a photo and email it to me.

Also just a note to ensure you are booking lunches in advance as I can't currently access the booking system to check. This helps to ensure the kitchen staff have the correct numbers.

Last, but not least, Forest School! This will be on a **Monday** and the children will need weather appropriate clothing (i.e. something you don't mind getting messy!).

As always, please do contact me if needed. I am really looking forward to a fantastic summer term filled with lots of learning, fun and hopefully sunshine!

Miss Breeze