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Class 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and that you are ready to start the last term in Year 1! Thank you for all of your continued support with the children's homework, spellings and reading - it makes such a difference! Our topic this term is New Life. We have lots of exciting things happening this term including planting and growing and looking after chicks. Our last term in year 1 will be Dinosaurs, which will include our class trip to Gulliver's Dinosaur and Farm Park.

Maths packs

All children will continue to bring home 2 maths games and every 2 weeks on a Monday these will be changed. I hope you are enjoying playing these and finding it a worthwhile experience for your child and their learning.

Reading and Tricky Words

Reading books will still be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** if needed. All reading books and diaries will also be collected in every **Monday** so that the books can be changed and I can check and sign their diaries. Can you please make sure that you sign in their diary when you have read a book at home so that we know if it needs changing. It is really important that the books are discussed at home and that your child can answer questions showing their understanding whilst reading, as well as being able to read the words. Also, having the book over 2 days allows for them to read the book more than once, which helps with fluency and to see what they have remembered from reading it before. Some children will still be bringing home tricky words, which will be checked and updated by Mrs Payne every other week.

Phonics

The phonics test will take place in the week commencing 11th June. The spellings they have been bringing home each week, and will continue to bring home this term, are the spelling patterns they can expect to see and be able to read in the test. I will send home an example of a previous test for practice at home nearer the time, which will give you a good idea about the format of the test and the types of words they will be expected to read. I will also be holding a short information session about the test nearer the time.

PE Kits

The children will be participating in PE on a **Thursday** afternoon (Real PE - skills) and **Friday** morning (Athletics). Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit, including plimsolls, on these days. As the weather will be hopefully nicer this term, PE will sometimes take place outside.

Could you please make sure your child brings their water bottle in to school as there are a number of children in class without a water bottle who are needing to go to the office frequently to collect a cup.

We are really looking forward to having a brilliant last term in Class 1! If you do have any questions or concerns at any time please feel free to come and speak to me.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Deacon