



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! I can't quite believe we are already in the Summer term and it won't be long until the children in Reception have finished their first year of Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely Easter and the Easter bunny came to visit with some scrummy chocolate!

I wanted to take the opportunity to share some important information with yourselves, including information about the learning which will be happening as well as important information you need to know about daily life at school.

Heroes!

This term our topic is called '**Heroes**'. Heroes is such a fantastic topic in Early Years as it allows us to explore many different avenues including fictional heroes and real life heroes. Over the course of the term the children will be looking at different 'comic' style books, including Supertato. We have lots of special visitors lined up who are real life heroes in our community including firefighters and the recycling centre. They will be talking to the children about what their job is and how they help our local area and environment. In R.E. we are learning about special places. This will include places which are special to us, our friends and other religions. The children will be going on a local outing to the church, where they will explore the different features at a church and why these are special to Christians. We will also be exploring healthy and unhealthy foods and what food superheroes might eat. The children will design and make their very own superhero snack! In Science, we will be naming the parts of our body and focussing on our 5 senses. The children will take part in lots of investigations to do with their senses over the term. Finally, this term we will be completing a project based around spending, selling and saving. The children will come up with a project they would like to save some money towards and create a product to sell at school later in the term. The money raised will then be used towards buying something new for the school.

Personal Belongings

We are still having lots of issues with unnamed clothing, particularly P.E. kits and jumpers. Can you please make sure that everything your child brings to school is named clearly so that we can return them to the rightful owner. If your child comes home with an item of clothing that isn't theirs, if you bring it back to school the next day we will ensure it gets to the right home!

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions for Reception, will continue to run this term. Our first Forest School session will be on Thursday 18th April. Please ensure your child has their forest school kit in school ready for this session. I expect the weather to change throughout the course of the term, hopefully with more sunshine and less rain! Please bear this in mind when packing your child's Forest School Bag. You may wish to provide them with a sunhat and sun cream to protect them. Please note that although the weather will be getting warmer, children still need to be wearing clothing which covers their arms and legs to keep them safe.

P.E.

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Your child will have a P.E. session **every** week. Year 1 children will have their P.E. sessions on Wednesday and Thursday and Reception children will have their P.E. session on a Wednesday. Your child should bring their P.E. kit into school, where they will get changed into it for our P.E. sessions. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school in order to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school for our first P.E. session. Our first P.E. session this term will be **Wednesday 17th April**.

Homework

It has been lovely seeing the children engage in their homework last term and another thank-you for all the parents who created the impressive vehicles! Homework will continue to be handed out each Friday. Please ensure your child brings their homework back to school so Dojo points can be awarded. This term your homework will be as follows:

Year 1 – weekly Sumdog homework, phonics homework, daily reading and a piece of GPS homework.

Reception – phonics homework, daily reading, sentence writing

Remember to bring this terms topic homework back by **Friday 19th April**.

Reading Books

Your child will continue to have a sharing book that they will bring home to share with you for their pleasure. This will be changed on a Monday and Friday. Children will also change their phonics book on a Wednesday. Please ensure you are writing in your child's reading record when you have read with them. 2 dojo points will be awarded every time your child reads.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that the school has a uniform policy which must be followed at all times. We have noticed some children coming to school in clothing which is not part of our uniform (e.g. trainers and hoodies). Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day.

Weather

Finally, we are entering the Summer Term and we all have our fingers crossed for some drier, warmer weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate protection (sun hats and sun cream). Please note that if your child brings sun cream to school, they will be expected to apply it themselves under the supervision of an adult. Children can not bring sunglasses to school for health and safety reasons.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Kind Regards,
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