

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term and hopefully the start of some better weather! I hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday and have enjoyed the lighter evenings and warmer weather.

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 any other important information you need to know.

This term our topic is called '**Food, Glorious Food**'. This term, the children will be learning all about farms and why they are important. Children will explore three different types of farms: arable, dairy and livestock. They will be exploring what you might find on each farm. The children will begin to explore the farm to fork process and will be able to explain how food makes the journey to our plates. As part of this topic, we will have a tractor visit to school, the children will have the opportunity to learn about what tractors do on a farm, as well as be able to sit in a tractor! In art, we will be studying the artist Arcimboldo. The children will be using natural objects such as flowers, leaves, fruit and vegetables to create their own artwork. In Science, the children will be exploring a range of different animals. They will be sorting animals into different groups, including pets and wild animals and discussing how we can look after our pets. The children will be continuing to learn about different celebrations from different religions, including weddings and christenings. Finally, in PSHE we will be learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and the effects these foods have on our bodies, including the importance of oral health.

Personal Belongings

Last term we had lots of jumpers and cardigans left in the classroom over the term with no names. Please can you make sure that **everything** (including jumpers, forest school kit, wellies, PE kits and trainers) are clearly labelled with your child's name so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child.

P.E.

Reception children will continue to have their PE lesson every Tuesday and Year 1 will have their PE lessons every Tuesday and Friday. 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. sessions on:

- **Friday 25th April (Year 1 only).**
- **Monday 29th April (Reception and Year 1)**

Forest School

This term our Forest Schools sessions will run on a Thursday afternoon. Our first forest school session will be on **Thursday 24th April**. Hopefully, the weather will be improving this term and our forest school kits will need a slight adjustment. Please find our suggested Forest School kit for the Summer term. Please note that children will still require long sleeved tops and trousers to attend Forest School. This is to ensure your child is safe and protect them from any scratches/stings.

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Suggested Forest School Kit (Summer)

- Long-sleeved top (lightweight)
- Long trousers
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Wellies
- Spare socks
- Water bottle

Suncream and Sunhats

As the weather warms, it is important that your child are protected during playtimes and when using the Early Years Garden. Please ensure you send your child to school with a water bottle and sunhats. We advise suncream is put on first thing in the morning before coming to school. Suncream can be sent into school in a named bottle to stay in your child's tray - this can be reapplied at playtimes. Please note; all suncream supplied will be applied by the children themselves (with adult supervision), so please ensure it is a bottle they are able to use independently.

Homework

Each week your child will be set homework. Children will receive a piece of phonics homework based on the learning in the classroom that week and a sentence writing activity. Homework will be set on a Friday and will come home in their homework folder. All homework should be returned to school by the following Friday morning. Your child will be awarded 2 dojo points for completion of homework which is handed in on time.

Reading Books

Just a reminder regarding reading books:

Sharing Book

Your child will change their sharing book on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child brings their sharing book back to school on both of these days so they can be changed.

Phonics Book

Your child will bring their new phonics book home on a **Friday**. Please make sure your child's previous phonics book is in school on the Friday morning so we can issue their new one.

Each time your child reads at home, they will receive 2 dojo points.

Little Wandle Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 2.30pm, we are holding a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents. This workshop will focus on Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and how you can support your child at home.

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

King Regards,
Mrs Walton

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