

# Spring Term in Class 1

## Welcome back to Spring Term 2!

### World Book Day

Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** this year. As outlined in Miss Boustead's letter before half term, children are invited to dress up as a favourite story book character and bring the book along if they have it. There are lots of lovely book-themed activities planned throughout the course of the day with the purpose of raising the profile of reading for pleasure.

### Homework Activities

As mentioned in my Dojo post before half term, we really need your support particularly with early reading skills. This can be done at home by the following activities.

#### Year R Activities:

- Speed Sounds Book-(all Set 1 sounds have now been taught.)
- Reading Book/ RWI Book
- Red Word Keyring
- Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds

#### Year 1 Activities:

- Speed Sounds Book (Year 1 children must be secure with **all** Set 1,2 and 3 sounds by June in preparation for the Statutory Phonics Screening Check.)
- Reading Book/ RWI Book
- Spellings
- Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds

Reading books (particularly RWI books) should always be prioritised. We suggest choosing 1 additional activity to complete. 15 minutes in total per day is more than adequate and will really support your child's confidence and progress. Please don't forget to record comments of activities completed in the daily slots in your child's Home-to-School Diary. Reading books will only be changed if parents comment that the book has been read in the diary. Unfortunately, we don't have an endless supply of reading books and if it hasn't been read there is no need to provide another until it has.

Book bags should be brought into school **every day**. We recommend that homework packs, reading books and Home-to-School Diaries are kept in bags as we use certain homework resources in school also.

Your help and support are very much appreciated. Practise at school **and** at home will help your child in reaching their fullest potential!

### Topics and Themes

Our topic this half term is



Our key texts are:



This half term we are going to be Polar Explorers! We will be learning how to differentiate between the North Pole and the South Pole through studying the landscape and wildlife. We will find out about explorers from the past including Matthew Henson and Ernest Shackleton and comparing how exploration has changed with time. We will design and make our own boat, explore maps and write a fact file about penguins! It is a lovely topic so don't forget to keep checking Class Dojo for the fun we are having in school!

Explorers will take us up to the approach of Easter, where we will then learn all about the Easter story and why Easter is important to Christians. We will finish the half term with an Easter Celebration in church.

PE with Ben will continue on Wednesdays and with Lucy on a Thursday afternoon.

We will be holding Parent's Evening at the end of the half term, which is an ideal opportunity to catch up and share your child's progress and next step targets with you. More details on this will follow.

### Forest School

Forest School will be recommencing this half term with the first 2 sessions reserved for Class 1. The dates are:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Please ensure that the children have a weather-appropriate, warm change of clothes in a separate bag. The sessions run in **all** weather and being warm really helps the children enjoy their time in the forest.

It might be a good idea at drop off or pick up time, to check that your child's wellies (stored in Class 1's outdoor area) still fit; they will need them for outdoor learning sessions.

### Useful Dates

Forest School **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

World Book Day **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents Evening **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** and **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** TBC

Easter Church Service **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

End of term **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 13:30 finish for all children.**

Please keep donating small cardboard boxes, tubes, small plastic bottles and bottle lids for our creative area.