



January 2019

## Spring Term 1 Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas. Thank you so much for our wonderful gifts, it was very kind of you and they are very much appreciated.

Please find attached a copy of this term's topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for the coming term. The topic this term is called 'Ready, Steady, Grow!' We will be using the story of 'The Little Red Hen' as our focus text and for the first time this academic year we will be innovating our own stories and changing the characters.

### Taste Testing

During this term the children will be exploring food and making tasty treats to eat. The children will try hot chocolate and make monster snacks (which are made from apples, marshmallows and jam), bread and pizzas. Please can you let us know if your child is unable to have any of these things. They will only have a little taster of the treats!

### Homework

Reading is the main homework in Reception. It underpins all of your child's learning and their future education. Please can you ensure that you are writing in your child's reading record every time that your child reads with you. We count up each week how many nights your child has read at home and they are awarded certificates, for children who have reached certain milestones, for the number of nights reading. Your child needs to be reading at home with an adult at least 4 times a week, however, we would prefer them to read every day. If your child has read at least 4 times a week they would have read **64 times** at home by now and if they have read every day they would have read **112 times!!** Reading is so incredibly important for children.

### Spellings

We will continue to add new sounds to your child's phonics book for them to practise at home, and this term we will also be sending out spellings to those children who are ready for this next stage of their learning. They will be tested every two weeks on their spellings and be given new ones when they are ready. It is important that your child practises these at home in cursive handwriting as this will support their learning at school. More details will be sent out with your child's first set of words.

### Spare Clothes

Unfortunately, we are running low on spare clothes. Please ensure any clothes given out from school are washed and returned as soon as possible. If you have any spare clothing that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

## Perseverance – Value of the Term

This term, we will be learning about 'perseverance. I have added the poem we will be using...

Pressing on

Eager to continue

Running the race

Sticking with things

Encouraging each other to keep going

Valuing the support of others

Eyes fixed on the target

Reaching a goal over time

Aiming to complete the task

Not giving up

Commitment to keep going

Ending up where you want to be.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and see us.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Miss Horton and the EYFS Team

