



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Summer Term 1

Our Wonderful World



Friday 23rd April

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and are well rested. Please find attached a copy of this term's topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for Term 5.

Topic:

The topic this term is called 'Our Wonderful World' and through this topic we will be focusing upon three texts. These are 'I will never, not ever, eat a tomato', 'Whatever Next' and 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'. We will begin our topic by sharing some of the different places we have visited in our wonderful world before focusing more closely on food, space and under the sea. Through the use of these books we will be looking for similarities and differences between places as well as describing features of different environments.

Reading and spelling home learning:

We will continue to change the children's reading books on Mondays and Thursdays. Please remember to sign in your child's PACT book so that we know your child has read and needs a new book. It is important that the children reread the books several times across the course of several days. The first read will be mostly about sounding out the words and looking at the pictures, whereas during subsequent reads, the children will hopefully start to develop a little fluency and can then begin to think more about the comprehension of the book, as well as committing high frequency words to memory. During your home reading sessions, we would also strongly encourage you to practise the phase 3 sounds and tricky words with your children on a daily basis.

Spelling books were issued to the children at the end of last term. We would reiterate the advice given last term and ask that you undertake spellings with your children at home **only** if they have the capacity to do so after **daily** reading, phonics and tricky word practice. If your child has been able to learn their spellings and you would like us to assess if they are ready for a new set of words, write 'please test' in your child's spelling book and we will know to assess them.

As a reminder of the spelling process, we will give the children their books on a Monday and ask that they practise a spelling activity each day at home. We will then check their spellings on a Friday. If they do not know them confidently, we will give them a further week to practise. Please do not worry if your child needs an extra week to learn their words; it's really important to learn to words securely and not rush through them.

PE

Hopefully, the weather will now be getting warmer and we won't be needing tracksuit bottoms for PE but please feel free to leave them in your child's bag, just in case. If your child has their ears pierced, for safety reasons, earrings need to be either removed or covered with tape for PE days. If your child is unable to do this independently, please do this for them before they come to school.

Sunny Weather (let's hope):

With the summer sunshine creeping its way back, this is a reminder to ensure that your child has sun cream, a hat and a water bottle daily. The British weather can turn very quickly and we want to ensure your children are safe out in the sun. These items need to be clearly named and put in book bags. Sun cream cannot be shared between children.

Value - Friendship

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious



Thank you in advance for your continued support.

The EYFS team