

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer. The children have been telling us all about their days out, holidays and adventures with great enthusiasm and we have really enjoyed listening to them! The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and eagerness to start the new term.

A few reminders for the Autumn Term.

Class 1 will be having **Forest School** in the second half of the autumn term. Sessions will commence on Tuesday 4th November and continue each Tuesday afternoon until the end of term. Please ensure that children come into school in appropriate clothing and also send a waterproof coat, wellies and change of shoes (and socks if possible) and trousers (especially if the weather is very wet).

PE will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday** with **Mrs Campbell**. On these days, the children will need to come in to school in the appropriate sports kit. This should include black trainers or pumps, plain black or navy shorts or joggers (depending on the weather), a white t-shirt, and a school jumper or cardigan.

We will be continuing with our two-week block of swimming lessons. Year 1 will have their swimming sessions in the summer term. A separate letter will be sent out with more information nearer to the time.

Please ensure that your child has their book bag, waterproof coat and a bottle filled with water for the classroom in school every day.

Homework

- Phonics - A worksheet for the sound to be practised will come home every **Tuesday**. Please help your child practice saying this sound and complete the worksheet. To be completed by the following **Tuesday**.
- Spellings – children will have spellings to learn each week; these will be brought home on a **Friday** for them to learn in readiness for a test the following **Friday**.
- Reading – Ideally, your child should read at home as often as possible, but at least 3 times per week. The more they can read to you at home, the better their reading pace, stamina, and understanding will become. Encourage them to explore fiction and non-fiction texts (knowledge books such as Steve Backshall's Deadly 60 are great to inspire and engage children in reading), discuss the themes with your child, and talk about any new vocabulary together. **School reading books and records will be sent home by Monday 8th September**. Please look out for these in your child's book bag and record any comments.

Thank you so much for your support. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any further queries.

Miss Roberts