

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break. We can't believe that we have reached the Summer Term already. We still have a lot learning and exciting things to look forward to in Reception before the children move into Year 1.

We have attached a curriculum plan which shows the areas of learning and objectives we will cover throughout the Summer Term. 'Superheroes' is the first theme we will be focusing on, this is a fun topic that focuses on ourselves, our families, missions and tricky challenges, superhero vehicles, superhero powers, and all the super people around us who help us. We have planned a range of enriching cross-curricular activities to bring out the superhero in all of us. Following this, the children will learn about 'Space'. We will be using our imaginations to travel away from Earth and into space. We will learn about rockets, the moon, stars and the planets in this exciting topic.

Children will continue to be listened to read and have their book changed by a member of staff each week in school. Please ensure that you return reading folders on your child's correct reading day. In addition to this, children will continue to bring home 'key words' to learn to read. These consist of the phonics phase words your child is learning to sound out and blend, and the 'tricky words' which are read on sight. We check children's words on their reading day and add more when necessary. Once children can confidently read all of their key words, we will be encouraging them to learn how to spell them too and we will be checking this towards the end of the week. You will receive a letter outlining this once your child is confident reading all of their words on sight.

As reading is of great importance in the Early Years, we can't encourage enough that children continue to spend time reading and exploring books with their adults at home. Throughout the school we would like each child to read at home at least four times a week. We do take time to check this in each child's reading record and reward a sticker to each child that does.

Our P.E. sessions will continue to be on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, so please make sure that your child always has their PE kit in school, earrings removed and long hair tied back. We will hopefully be able to carry out some of our P.E. lessons outside now that the weather is improving, so please make sure your child has suitable

footwear for this. Trainers and P.E. pumps are both fine; however, some children have been complaining about their P.E. footwear being too small, so please check this.

Finally, if you have any questions, worries or concerns, or just want to have a chat about your child, please do phone the office to arrange this. We are keen to maintain a strong home-school link as we know how much children benefit from a successful partnership.

Kind regards,

Mrs McCormick and Mrs Kewley