Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of your little ones; they have taken all the changes since September in their stride and recently came back to school really excited to learn and catch up with their friends. We would like to thank you all for your continued support and the wonderful things you have done with your children to support their learning at such a strange time. We found Dojo a really useful way of keeping in contact with you all and have loved seeing the things that were posted.



<u>Term Five and Six Topic</u>- This term we look forward to exploring themes of the children's interest through the theme, "Once upon a picture". This will enable us to use a range of paintings and other pictures as a way to explore traditional and more modern stories in an exciting way.

Outdoor Play - The children love playing outside and we will as always be going outside whatever the weather. Please can you ensure that the children have a coat for rainy weather and suitable shoes (not open toe sandals or crocs). We hope that the weather will be warm this Summer, your children's welfare is our top priority and we need to protect them from the sun, so please can you provide them with a named sunhat and ensure that they have sun cream applied **before** they come to school. If they need to reapply their sun cream, they can put it on themselves with a little supervision.

<u>PE-</u>The children love taking part in PE and are getting much more independent at changing; we are continuing to work on this. Please can you support us by encouraging their independence at home as much as possible and if you are considering buying any new shoes we would be very grateful if you could steer away from laces, unless your child is able to tie them themselves. Thank you very much for your help with this.

Exploring the local environment- We are hoping to take the children out and about during the Summer Term if restrictions allow for this. We will let you know if and when we are able to do so.

Homework- Please keep up all the wonderful reading practise that is happening at home.

The children can practise:

- -segmenting and blending words
- -recognition of tricky words (Phase 2 and 3)
- -recapping on Phase 2 and 3 phonemes (digraphs 2 letters that make one sound, and trigraphs 3 letters that make one sound)
- -developing early comprehension skills, such as: what may happen next (making predictions), summing up what has happened in the story and talking about why certain things happened and how and why characters are feeling a certain way.

Some Dates to remember...

22/4/21-Parents Evening\_School closes at 1pm for Cherry Class and 1.10pm for Apple Class 29/4/21- School Class Photo

Yours Sincerely, Mrs Wright, Miss Hearn and Mr Cowell



