

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of your children; they have taken all the changes since September in their stride and now come to school really excited to learn alongside 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 and we enjoyed updating you during the recent parent meetings. We have found Dojo a really useful way of keeping in contact with you all and hope you agree.

Term Five and Six Topic- 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.

Reading and Homework- Please keep up all the wonderful reading practise that is happening at home as well as learning the phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs. Many of you are also encouraging them use them in simple writing activities so thank you.

Please use and add to the **Go Read App** daily and please return their book on their allotted day so that we can update books which are linked to their phonic ability.

The children can also 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.

-We will also be reinforcing their understanding of lower case to capital letters, now that their understanding of basic sounds is more secure.

The Purple Mash website also has lots of activities and games to reinforce their learning.

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.

PE- The children love taking part in PE and are getting much more independent at changing; we are continuing to work on this so please remember to label all new kit. 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, including going to the local shop during the Summer Term. We will let you know when we are able to do so; please complete any consent letters we send.

Some Dates to remember.

Thursday 28th April School -Disco

Tuesday 3rd May - whole school rock dress up day!

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Wright, Mrs Prophet and Mr Cowell

