



May 2025

Dear Zebra families,

Welcome back to the summer term!

### **Learning**

Maths, English and phonics will continue to be taught every morning. The children will also complete a reading session every afternoon to help build their fluency with the new reading scheme books. In English we will be focusing on sequencing sentences to make short narratives and in Maths we will be looking at multiplication and division (including money), before moving on to think about Shape and Fractions. Our topic this half term is 'Toys' with a focus on properties of everyday materials in science and looking at the history of toys as well as making our own felt puppets in Design and Technology. In Summer 2 our topic will be 'The Seaside' with a focus on classifying animals in science and map skills in geography as well as using the sea to inspire our weaving during Art sessions. Children are invited to bring in a favourite toy from home on Thursday 8th May. Not expensive, electrical gadgets though please.

### **Library**

Library sessions will remain on Mondays for Zebra class. Please ensure books are returned weekly as your child cannot be issued another book until their previous one is returned.

### **P.E**

Please continue to send your child in wearing PE clothes every Friday. Please make sure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather, including shoes, and that they are wearing their red school jumper. As it gets warmer, please check clothing is named and sun cream is applied before arriving in school.

### **Wellie Wednesday**

Wellie Wednesdays will continue in the garden, campfire and over at the lakes. Please ensure your child has waterproofs and wellies available at school which fit as these will be worn every Wednesday. Some children may have taken these home at the end of the term, so please do ensure they are back in school.



## Homework

Reading continues to be a priority in Year 1 and it is expected that children are heard at home at least four times a week. A sapphire gem will be awarded each time your child has completed four reads at home in a single week. Children also read in school and the extra reads they do at home will help build the speed at which they can read. The latest round of books that match where the children are in the phonics journey, are particularly challenging and so we will extend the time to read them to 2 weeks. They will still need to do this around 4x per week in order to build fluency but there is an increase in complexity of words and amount on a page. Books are changed on alternate Mondays to allow for this routine.

If you have any questions please speak to the team after school. Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team