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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to the Summer Term. I hope that you are all well after a lovely Easter break with plenty of chocolate and rest. We have had a great first week back with very positive attitudes and we look forward to a fun-filled busy summer term of learning in Reception.

This half term, we will be looking loosely (due to following a more child based approach) at 'I wonder... Where they live?' This will be linked to life cycles, mini beasts and housing. This half term, we will be exploring our new books of the week 'Aliens love underpants', 'Billy's Bucket' and 'The Squeaky Toy', amongst other high quality texts linked to your child's interest.

Reading

Due to your children progressing with their phonics, we are now moving on to green books. Within these phonics lessons, children will be expected to read more simple sentences with longer words, including red words (tricky words that can't be sounded out) as the expectation has increased.

We know that reading is the most important part of your child's education, both reading at home and at school. Your child will be taught to read through our daily phonics sessions. They will also learn and practise how to blend and segment these phonemes/graphemes in order to read and write. We aim to listen to children read at least once a week in addition to their daily phonics lessons. (either myself or another adult). I hope that you appreciate that there may be times when this doesn't always happen. We will be checking reading records every Friday to see which children have read at home and who needs their books changed. Please try to listen to your child read and practise their phonics as often as possible (the school's minimum expectation is four times a week) and record this in the reading record when they have read. Your child's book will be changed every three days linked to the phonics sessions and the sounds they are learning. Please do not be concerned if your child's book is not changed after three days as there are times within the school week where phonics is not able to take place.

There are lots of resources online to enable you to read at home;

*Read Write Inc resources sent to you via email

*Phonics play

*Oxford owl

Coats/sun hats/cream

Please can I remind you that although it's spring, our Cornish weather can be very unpredictable. Therefore, please can your children bring in their coat every day. However, we hope the weather will become warmer as we approach summer. Please could your children bring in hats and cream with names written in/on them.

Water bottles/snacks

All children must be provided with drinks, filled with water only. These are then available all day for them to regularly hydrate themselves. Children are welcome to bring a snack in for morning play (fruit or vegetables only) although fruit is provided every day, free of charge.

Information

There are many ways in which we communicate information to you. Please check your child's book bag every day as we do put letters and other information in these. I strongly advise you to check your emails too on a daily basis. Every week we produce a newsletter but we do not send out paper versions as these are sent as an email and are placed on the school website. It is really important that you read the newsletter every week for important dates/pieces of information.

If you would like to know what your child will be learning throughout this term, please visit the website where you will find our Medium Term Plan and other useful information.

Please can you ensure that every item of your child's clothing (and shoes) is named. Thank you.

If you have any questions or queries, please come to see me at any time. Thank you for your cooperation and support and I look forward to a year of learning and fun.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Turner