



'Enjoying Learning Together'

16 November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2!

### **Things you need to know:**

#### **PE Days: Wednesday and Friday**

All children need a PE kit with trousers, tee-shirt and trainers or daps.

#### **Homework**

The children are given spellings each week; they are given out on a Monday. It is really important that the children practise these at home as much as possible. They will have a spelling test on a Monday.

The children will also be given other English homework this might be some handwriting practice or a speaking and listening activity to support their writing at school.

Don't forget Bug Club! The children have a username and password and books allocated to them. Let us know if they have read all the books and we can update them.

#### **Reading**

Your child will be heard read at least once a week with an adult. The books are kept in the room off our classroom. If you want your child to change their book more regularly please feel free to change their books in the morning when you bring your child to school.

Children who read at home are the children who make the most progress in reading. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week. Here are some ideas of how to help your child read.

- Look at the front cover of the book and think about what the story might be about. How might the story end? Who are the characters in the story? Where is the story set?
- When reading make sure you encourage them to use the pictures to work out words they are unsure of.
- When your child is stuck encourage them to sound out the words.
- Ask them questions at the end of the story to check they have understood it.

#### **Snacks**

Remember the children should only have a piece of fruit and water at snack time. We provide a piece of fruit but you can bring your own if you would like.

**Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Parent Teacher consultations will be held on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 November 2016. You will be able to sign up for a time from next week. It is a really valuable time to talk about your child's progress and how you can support them at home so please sign up for a slot.

**Topic**

This term we are carrying on our Topic of 'I'm Alive'. We are going to be moving on to look at different habitats around the world and animals that live in these areas. We are hoping to have a visit from some bugs for the children to get hands on with!

We will be planting bulbs around the school to hopefully have beautiful flowers in the spring for all the school to enjoy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sarah and Anna