

Monday 22nd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, as a team we hope that you and your child had a restful half term break after what was a very different Term Three. As we write this letter to you the return date to school is still unknown and we prepare for another time spent remote schooling. As a teaching team we learnt a lot from our teaching last term and we promise to you that we will continue to adapt so that we are able offer the best education we can for your child during these unfamiliar times. The purpose of this letter yet again is to provide you with an insight into what your child will be learning at school this term and how you can best support them at home.

Both your child's Reading and Writing sessions will centre around the story *Oliver's Vegetables* by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French. This book is available on many online resources, such as YouTube, if you wanted to share the story with your child freely at home. This is **not** compulsory but would benefit your child if you are able to do so as their Writing will place an emphasis on the events of the story.

The Reading sessions will place an emphasis on Phonics with your child needing to have a good understanding of the Phase 3 and 5 sounds sent home in Term Two inside the home learning pack. **If you request a new set of these sounds please let your class teacher know.** Your child will also need to answer simple questions about what they have read in a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. The Writing sessions initially will focus on developing your child's ability to write a simple story; focusing on the suffix 'ed', saying a sentence out loud before writing it down and using a capital letter for a proper noun [For example, Oliver **not** oliver].

In Science, this term our focus will be **Plants**; where we will learn about what plants need to survive, what the different parts of a plant do, identify and name common plants and trees found in the UK and know the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.

Geography will be based around the topic of **What is Out There** and your child will develop their understanding of what a landmark is, recognise landmarks in the local area and create a simple map including these landmarks. These sessions will involve your child going for a local walk but as a team we will give you notice as to not disturb your family responsibilities.

Computing again will focus on how to make an algorithm to achieve a simple outcome and how these can be improved by identifying basic and common errors [bugs] and correcting those [debugging].

Wellbeing Wednesday will continue this term and in order to ensure your child remains both excited and engaged, we will be updating our list of activities as of Week Two.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team – Mr Bowers, Mrs Ramzan, Mrs Mansi, Miss Quinn and Mrs Hughes.