

January 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and that your children are ready for the new term ahead.

Our topics for the Spring term will be *Will You Read me a Story?* and *Do I Run, Flap or Swim?* To enrich our learning, our Stunning Starter will be a trip to Reigate Library where we will meet the librarians and look at a variety of books. For our Marvellous Middle, we will be using World Book Day to dress up as a character from a story and enjoy some surprising storytelling. To end the term, our Fabulous Finish will be a trip to Bocketts Farm where the children will be able to meet the farm animals and have a ride on a tractor.

This half term our topic is *Will You Read Me a Story?* The children's learning will be based around a variety of traditional tales, modern stories and nursery rhymes.

We love having visitors in Kindergarten so if you would like to come in to read the children a story, please do speak to a member of the team.

As you know, as a school we focus on one thinking skill and one value for each term which are woven into every aspect of school life. Our value for this term is *Trust* and our thinking skill is *Risk Taking*. We will be incorporating these into our everyday activities and experiences.

We are continually encouraging the children to be independent and to this end we continue to teach them how to do their zips up this term if they are unable to do so. Please would you help us to help them and practise this as much as possible at home!

Similarly, if your child is happy to say goodbye to you at the door and come into class independently, please encourage them to do so in preparation for next term when we will be asking all of you to say your goodbyes at the door and not in the classroom.

Please continue to send in books for book of the week, the children have really enjoyed sharing their stories with their friends and teachers. Do let us know if you need a reminder of when it is your child's turn to bring in their favourite book.

Please also continue to ensure that ALL belongings are clearly labelled, including shoes, wellies, hats, scarves and coats.

As always, we have an open door policy so please feel free to come in and talk to any member of the team about anything, no matter how big or small. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Kind regards

The Kindergarten Team

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23rd January - Trip to Reigate Library

Wednesday 7th March – World book day and surprising storytelling

Tuesday 19th March – Mother's Day Breakfast

Thursday 21st March – Trip to Bocketts Farm

26th March - FOSMA Easter Egg Hunt

27th March – Open Classroom and Lower School Easter Church service

29th March – Term ends 12 noon