

### Half Termly Letter – Summer 2 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a relaxing half-term holiday and that you are enjoying all this beautiful, sunny weather.

#### Learning Themes

This half term, our learning theme is 'Long, Long Ago' and we will be exploring lots of different objects and events from the past. We are starting our topic with the story 'Mrs Mopple's Washing Line' and talking about her old-fashioned kitchen and washday. You can read a copy of the story on our eSchools class pages. To find out more about our curriculum this term, please see the curriculum overview.

#### Supporting Learning at Home

Please continue to read with your child each day at home and write this in your reading diary. You may wish to choose a 'Long, Long Ago' project from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea!) and we would love to see pictures of these projects on seesaw. The children always enjoy sharing what they have been doing at home. We will continue to put videos and pictures of poems or stories we have been reading on eSchools, so do keep an eye on our class page. You may also wish to access your child's Education City or Numbots account to play a variety of games to support your child's learning.

#### Belongings

We are hoping that this warm, sunny weather will continue! Please make sure your child has the following in school each day:

- A named coat suitable for rainy weather
- A full set of named spare clothes, including socks and pants
- A pair of named wellies and named waterproof trousers
- A named **sunhat** and **sun cream** (the stick ones where the child can rub it on themselves instead of it all spilling out of a bottle are great!)

Please ensure that your child's book bag is in school **every day** so they can change their book from our book box. We will also continue to look at the recorded reads in your child's diary each Friday and children with 5 or more reads will receive a special sticker.

#### Getting ready for Year 1

We cannot believe that we are already in the final term of reception! Over this half term we will begin to prepare the children for the transition into Year 1. Class teachers will be confirmed soon and the children will then have an opportunity to meet their new teacher. We'd also encourage you to begin to talk to your child about being in Year 1 and have a look at some of the pictures from Class 3 and 4 on 'News and Events' on the website. If you/ your child has any questions, please speak to Mrs Whiting or your class teacher.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Empathy Day
- **Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Refugee Week
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Class photographs
- **Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June** – ‘Take One Picture’ week
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Sports Day (more details to follow)
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports out
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Meet new class teacher
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last day of term

Best wishes,  
Miss Sheldon, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir

