

Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you all had a great half-term.

World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be on Friday 8th March.

This year we would like children to come to school in fancy dress as a book character. Our theme for the day will be Roald Dahl however, children may choose to dress as any **BOOK** character they wish. There will be prizes awarded per year group for the best homemade fancy dress. We strongly encourage all children put their costumes together using things they already have at home so that everyone has an equal and fair chance at winning a prize.

This year we will also be doing 'Extreme reads' as we have done in previous years. We ask that children bring with them on World Book Day, a picture of them reading in a peculiar place. This has been a great success in previous years and we are looking forward to seeing the different places the children have been reading this year! There will also be prizes per pod for the most extreme read!

The Big Book Swap- following the success from last year, we would like children to bring in a book they are happy to swap with another child. Please ensure this is a book you are happy for your child to part ways with and not something with great sentimental value! On World Book Day children will swap their books and return home with a different book they haven't read.

We look forward to another fantastic World Book Day!

Foundation Stage – Elmer and Paddington

Learning this term: This term our topic is 'Our Community' and we will be finding out about different jobs people do in our community. We will find out about how they help us, if they wear uniforms and use any special equipment or vehicles. To help us with our learning we have arranged for some visitors to come in and talk to the children about their jobs including the Police, a Dentist and Fire Fighters. This is part of our Understanding the World learning.

In phonics we will continue to revise our phase 2 and 3 phonemes and the harder to read and spell words we have learnt so far. This is an opportunity to ensure we have really consolidated our

learning and can use those phonemes in different words and in our writing. In maths, we are learning about comparing measures of height, length and time. We will be thinking about before, next and after and sequencing events of our day. We will also be learning about 9 and 10, focusing on 1 more / less and how we can make these numbers. Our last area of learning in maths will be 3D shapes. In Expressive Arts we will be singing songs about people who help us, painting or drawing different people who help us and acting out the roles these people do. As part of our Personal, Social and Emotional development we will think about the importance of regular exercise, healthy eating and how to brush our teeth properly.

It will be an exciting term with all our visitors coming in and we hope the children enjoy the learning.

Year 1 – Jeffers and Carle

Welcome back to Term 4, the children are continuing to develop and work towards independence throughout this term. This is another term full of exciting learning. Throughout our English lessons will we be looking at some exciting new books based around space, our first book is 'The Man on The Moon' and our second book for the term is 'Beegu'. In Maths, we will be continuing looking at numbers up to 20 and understanding place value, whilst using addition and subtraction.

We will be continuing to work on our Phonics and will continue with our more structured reading sessions in order to support children apply what they learn within their phonics.

This term we will be learning more about History, Art, Music, RHSE, Computing, Science and PE. During our History learning we will be looking at how toys have changed. We will explore what toys were like in the past compared to now. Art, will be looking a woven wonders exploring weaving different fabrics. In RSHE, we will be exploring 'Healthy Me' and looking at how we can make healthy choices. Music, we will be looking at making timbre and rhythmic patterns using well known fairytales. Science this term we will be continuing to explore Materials, looking at everyday materials and their properties.

PE this term will be on a Monday and Thursday. Monday will be handball and Thursday will be netball, outside, so please make sure children are dressed appropriately.

We look forward to another fun filled term with you all.

The Early Years Team