



## Final Term in Year One!

We had a great time during the spring term and the children were really enthusiastic about both of our topics; 'Hocus Pocus' and 'Home'. This term we will be covering two topics: 'Let's Go Lego' and 'Our Living Planet'. The children will be learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and we will focus on how transport has changed over the years. During 'Our Living Planet' we will focus on animals and habitats and we will be doing a range of activities to support the transition to Year 2.

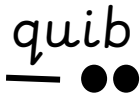
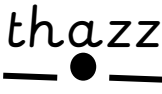



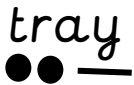
### Statutory Phonics Screening Check

Children will read 20 real and 20 nonsense words.

We are practising the following steps to support the children:

1. Pick up a pencil
2. Bar and button the words
3. Sound the word out loud.
4. Blend the word out loud.

Example words with bars and buttons:

- Children must turn one page at a time; to ensure that they do not miss out words.
- Even if the children are finding it difficult they must continue **without** input from the teacher.

Speed reads and homework will continue to reflect the children's current focus and will often be based on Phonics activities in order to help with sounding out and blending.

### Handwriting

As mentioned in our meeting, we are having a real big focus on handwriting. All children need to be concentrating hard on the formation of letters and numerals to ensure they are not reversing. Please remember that our school handwriting style is on the school website which you can print out and practise with.

### Library

Silver and Orange classes are both going to the Library on Tuesdays now. Please can you make sure that you are returning library books only on a Tuesday as we do not have time in our busy timetable to be taking out children who have not returned it on the correct day.

### General reminders

- Please make sure that all of your child's belongings are named, especially as the warmer months are coming and they will be taking jumpers and cardigans off.
- We are not able to apply sun cream to your children so we advise you to put it on in the mornings.
- Every child should be bringing a named water bottle to school every day.
- All children need to be in the classroom by 8.50am and we use from 8.40-9 to do interventions and catch-ups so it is important they are in school and do not miss any learning opportunities.



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### Transitions

During the second half term, children will move to their new classroom and have the chance to meet their new teacher. They will have opportunities to ask questions about Year 2 and they will take part in some activities. We will also be using our PSHE sessions to discuss changes, challenges and their aims for Year 2.

### **In Year Two**

#### English

- Greater focus is on developing children's vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- Children will be expected to spell the days of the week and months of the year. We encourage parents to support this further at home. Please remind children that names need capital letters.
- Children will move onto using joins in their handwriting therefore we encourage the children to practise their letter formation and limit letter reversals.

#### Maths

- Children will focus on developing their skills in mental arithmetic and written methods.
- They will be expected to form their numbers correctly and to write each digit in one box. This is something that can also be practised at home.

In Year 2, children will continue to be encouraged to develop their independence and checking skills.

New resources are frequently added to the website to aid further support at home. You will find these under 'Resources for Parents' on the school website, which we encourage you to look at.

<http://chestnutlane.bucks.sch.uk/>

We are all looking forward to another exciting term!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Flitney and Mrs Sanghera