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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you have had a lovely break. Thank you for all the thoughtful gifts and cards, we appreciate your kindness and generosity.

This half term our topic is entitled 'Spy School.' Within this topic we will be learning to investigate and solve problems. This topic will start as whole school activities and will be continued as the topic theme throughout the half term. We will be exploring our local area and its features as well as communication devices and their impact.

Next half term's topic is entitled 'Through the Keyhole.' Within this topic we will be learning about homes in the past and how they compare to the homes we live in now. We will also be exploring toys from the past and looking at how they have developed over the past 100 years. This will link to our Science and Design and Technology learning, where we will be looking at everyday materials and identifying their properties.

We would like to say thank you for the time and effort given to the home learning. A new Home Learning Grid has been stuck in to your child's home learning book for them to complete this half term. We have attached a list of the 100 High Frequency Words that the children come across in their everyday reading. Please could you ensure your child practises reading these alongside completing the options on the grid. Once your child can read the words within a phase, please help them to be confident in spelling them. These will not be tested weekly, but are vital to help improve their literacy development.

Please also encourage the children to practise their cursive letter formation as well as their phonics sounds; these are on the attached phoneme picture mat. The children need to be able to say the sounds, read them in words and use them to spell words.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th March: Scooter training

Wednesday 13th March: Phonics workshops will be held at **9:00am** and **3:00pm** where we will discuss Phase 5 phonics and the Phonics Screening Test.

Reminders:

Please ensure that your child has:

- a named water bottle in school every day.
- a full P.E. kit; this should include trainers, a house coloured t-shirt, black or navy shorts, joggers and jumper.
- all of their belongings named including uniform, PE kit, water bottle and book bag

Reading books

The children are expected to read every day. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Wednesday if the reading record has been signed and each book has been read **twice**.

Thank you, The Y1 team

Miss Emma Schumacher, Miss Bonnie Mukherjee, Ms Eileen Traynor, Mrs Keshy Trundle