



Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Welcome Back!

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that you all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the lovely sunshine. I just wanted to write a short letter to re-introduce myself and explain what we have planned this summer term.

After having my baby girl 'Annabelle' last summer, I am returning to school as Class 1's teacher working alongside Mrs Wootton and Miss Moores. We also have a PGCE student working in our class over the next few weeks. Her name is Miss Webb and she has already built up a great relationship with the staff and children.

Our topic this term is 'Castles and Magic' and we have some exciting things planned. On Friday a topic web and homework grid will be sent out so you can see what we are learning about this term. Copies are also available on the website. Year 1 children must choose five pieces of homework over the half term and bring these in regularly to celebrate and share with the class. The children can choose their level of challenge from 'mild' to 'extra hot' but please ensure they choose at least one task from English, Maths and Topic. Reception children can attempt some of the topic homework as well if they wish!

This term we are continuing to focus on reading at home and reading for pleasure. Research shows that children who read regularly and read widely become more confident and competent readers. You as parents can really help at home by encouraging your child's love of reading. This doesn't just mean reading their school book but reading recipes, instructions to make something, road signs, favourite songs and poems and also modeling reading to your child. Every time this happens please note it down in your child's planner and they will earn a sticker on their reading chart. When your child has completed their sticker chart they can choose a special something from the prize box.

In addition to this we are running a little class competition. The challenge is for the children to take a photograph of them reading somewhere really interesting. Be creative - this could be on the beach, at the park, under a table, up a tree or in a secret den of theirs. Bring these photographs in to school to add to our class reading display.

A big thank you for your ongoing support - if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to come and see me. I am looking forward to a great term with lots of learning!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Ellis-Stansfield