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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you all had a fun and enjoyable Easter and managed to find some time to relax and enjoy the lovely sunshine. It is really great to see some signs of summer at last and enjoy the warmth and I am hoping it stays for us to enjoy plenty of outdoor learning and fun at school during the Summer Term.

#### **Staffing:**

Staffing will continue as it was in the Spring Term. I will be in class full time, with Mrs Denham covering my PPA time on a Monday afternoon. Mrs Denham will be teaching Art and Happy Minds for the first half of the term and will switch to different subjects for the second half (TBC!)

#### **Website:**

I have recently updated the website with our new Termly Overview for the Summer Term. Please find time to have a look at this so you can see what the children will be learning this term. We have some exciting units coming up which I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy.

#### **Key Experiences This Term:**

The Summer Term is always jam packed with experiences to enhance the children's learning and offer them opportunities to enjoy. In June we will be visiting Cheltenham to take part in a science workshop as part of their annual Science Festival. More information to follow on this. Summer Term also brings Sports Day, an event the children always look forward to!

Our Science unit this term is about plant growth and so we will be taking part in plenty of planting and growing in the classroom, including growing sunflowers! Children will initially grow these at school, and at half term they will bring them home so you can continue to nurture them and plant them in the garden. I will look forward to seeing photos of beautiful tall sunflowers!

We will be returning to Forest School for the first half term (starting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April) for a 6 week period. On Thursdays children should come into school in their forest school clothes, with waterproofs and wellies etc in a carrier bag. These sessions will be run by Mr Bridges, with myself going along also. We would be keen to invite a parent helper/s along too, so if you'd be interested please get in touch.

#### **Phonics Screening Check:**

In June all Year One children, and some Year Two children, will take their Phonics Screening Check. This will be during the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June and the check will take place in a quiet room with myself or Mrs Denham. We plan on keeping this very low key with the children and will make it very much like the usual phonics assessments that they are used to

doing termly. Please continue to support your children by reading/completing the phonics tasks sent home each Friday and by reading as much as you can. Your support is essential and very much appreciated.

### **Reading and Reading Records:**

It is extremely important children are reading books which are matched to their individual level of competency and every Friday the children will come home with their Phonics Reading Book which is linked to their specific level. The children will have already read this during school time so should be able to read it with relative fluency by the time they bring it home. Please do take the time to read this book with your child and discuss the story/information with them, then record this in their reading record. Please also comment in their reading record, or simply initial, just so we know it has been read at home. **Books must be returned the following Friday to enable a new book to be sent home.**

On Friday children will also select a sharing book from our classroom library. This is for you to enjoy together at home. **Please return this book the following Friday along with the Phonics book.**

Some Year Two children will begin to move onto our new Accelerated Reader Scheme once they have completed the Little Wandle Phonics books. When your child reaches this I will send further information.

Please also enjoy other books together at home and record these in the reading record too. It is wonderful to foster a love of reading and finding books the children love is key to this. If you don't already, I highly recommend visiting Winchcombe library and getting a card. They have a fantastic array of books there and this will give your child an opportunity to discover more.

### **PE:**

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday in Kingfishers. On this day, children should come dressed in their PE kit which they will wear all day. Please do however ensure they have a school / PE jumper and trousers for colder weather. If your child attends any sports clubs they will need to bring spare kit to wear in a bag and get changed at the end of the day.

### **School Equipment:**

Every day in school your child needs their book bag with reading record, water bottle, lunchbox (if not having hot dinners) and a coat. We politely request that children do not bring bulky, unnecessary bags to school because these take up so much room in the classroom which we'd much rather use for fun learning! The only time they will need a bag is for sports club clothing and/or Forest School.

### **Thank you for reading!**

I hope this letter has been helpful. I am aware it is quite a long one, so please do keep it safe so you can refer back to it if needed! Please be assured that my classroom door is always open and I am always around school if you need to ask me questions or check anything important.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Sollis**