

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine. As ever, it seems that the school year has flown by and we can't believe that this is our final term with your children. We have enjoyed teaching them and this term we will be working hard to prepare them for the challenge of Year 2.

Our cross curricular theme is '**On the Farm**' as detailed on the curriculum poster overleaf and has a strong scientific and geographical focus. We have also organised a trip for year 1 and year 2 to a working farm near Callington on Wednesday 7th May. More details will follow shortly.

Supporting your child at home:

Each child has a subscription for Spelling Shed and this term they will also continue using Mathletics. Using these computer programs is a great way to support your child with their learning at home. Weekly spellings are uploaded onto Spelling Shed, so this is an easy way for them to practise their spellings. Logins for both are in your child's homework book. Daily reading and enjoying books together are also an extremely important way that you can support your child's development.

Here are a few reminders about our everyday routines in Year 1:

- The classroom is open from 08.35 a.m. when the school gates open and our daily phonics lesson starts at 8.55 a.m. Children work on basic skills activities as soon as they arrive, so **please try to arrive promptly each day** so your child can make the most of this learning time.
- **Please read with your child as often as possible and sign their record book.** Children who make the most progress are reading and changing their books regularly.
- **Homework:** SpellingShed and Mathletics are excellent online tools that your child can use regularly to support their basic maths and spelling skills and most children are loving the challenge (and the league tables!). Please ensure that homework books are returned by Wednesday each week so we can look at them and prepare the next tasks.
- Finally, please can we remind you to **label** all jumpers, coats, book bags, plimsolls, etc. We can't help to locate missing items unless they are named.

Please don't hesitate to come and chat to us if you have any questions or suggestions - we are always open to new ideas.

Many thanks,

Mrs Wills The Year 1 Team