Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. We have a fun full summer term ahead.

Our Topic this term is ‘Yum Yum.’ This is a DT, Art and Geography based topic which started with us thinking about our favourite food, then lead on to healthy food, where food comes from and then food from different countries. We will be using stories books and non-fiction books to help us to learn and understand how fruit and vegetables grow and where other food comes from, such as milk. We will be compiling a group of recipes which will help us to write instructions. There is a curriculum overview attached of the areas covered so that you have an understanding of the learning covered in each subject.

This term we will continue with the same routines, reading books, word boxes and home work. I have attached the regular, more detailed information about these as a reminder.

The children are in their last term of Year One and they have all made good progress. Please continue with regular reading at home and helping them to spell their words in the word boxes. I’m looking forward to the new term and the many exciting learning opportunities we have planned. Please remember if you have any other concerns or queries, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Mrs Smith

**Reading Books**

All the children should have been issued a new reading book with a reading record. This will come home with your child each night. The children will be heard read individually in school at least once a week, as well as part of a group each week. It is crucial that the children do read at home too. It is important that you do record any reading completed at home within their reading records, to ensure we keep our records accurate and up to date. Reading books will be changed most days but please write, ‘finished’ in their diary so we know a new book is needed.

**Spellings and Homework**

The children will be given a weekly spelling sheet each Friday. They will be tested the following Friday on their spellings. The scores will be sent home for you to see. Any help you can give your child is appreciated and a real boost when they gain confidence and can see the difference practice makes. Do make this a fun and interactive experience so your child stays engaged and inspired.

In addition to this I will give out an optional homework task which will extend on something we have been learning that week. This will be a English, maths, science or topic task. Please remember that this is optional, spelling and reading are the priority.

**Word box**

All the children have a word box with the 4 words we are learning to read and write that week. Over the year they will have the first 100 high frequency words that year one children are expected to know by the end of the year. These are included in their weekly spelling test, I will take words out of the box once they know them. So any word still left in their boxes are word they still can’t spell or read.

**P.E**

PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Occasionally, we may have to change these times, so it is important that the children have their full PE kit in school at all times and that as it gets cooler they have a spare jumper or school hoodie they can wear outside.

**Earrings**

We ask that all earrings are **not** worn on PE days or that your child is able to take them out themselves.

**Achievement Assembly**

We will be celebrating achievements during Friday’s assembly. Each week, as well as acknowledging the ‘Star of the Week’ and counting the House point totals, the children can also bring in any achievement from home (Swimming, Brownies, Judo etc).

**Sheerhatch Values**

Each month, there will be a different ‘Sheerhatch Value’ we focus on. May’s Value is ‘Tolerance.’ Do discuss different ways we can be tolerant in school and at home and even in our community. Individuals spotted following this value will be awarded with a special token-do praise your child if they receive one!

**Fruit and Water**

KS1 are entitled to free fruit and this will be given to the children at morning break. KS1 do have a quick afternoon break too so please send some additional fruit in a named tub/bag as this will help your child to stay focused on their learning all day. Please send your child in with a named water bottle too. These will be sent home at the end of each day.