



Ernesettle Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start to Year 1 we have had! A fun-filled term full of exciting learning opportunities! We hope you all have a good half term together and a well-deserved rest. To start Term 2 with a bang, the children will be taking part in the largest youth film festival in the world by visiting Vue cinema to watch Fantastic Mr Fox. We also have a very exciting opportunity planned for the children in December as 'West End in Schools' will be visiting Ernesettle to perform 'Jack and The Beanstalk' to KS1. This will link fantastically with the children's learning in English as we will be looking at Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales in our Whole Class Reading sessions.

Homework expectations include reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. As well as the homework task, your child's learning for the week will be described and their next week's learning will be explained. **Homework books** should be handed in on a **Thursday** so that new spelling sheets and homework can be added and your child's spelling test score can be reported. Homework books will be returned to you on Friday. A termly 'Family Homework' challenge will be set, details of which will be displayed at the front of your child's homework book. You will also find a copy of Phase 2, 3 and 5 sounds and Year 1 Common Exception Words. Please encourage your children to use these resources when completing home learning tasks and to use their 'robot arms' when segmenting and blending words when reading aloud. Thank you for your continued support with your children's learning at home.

In English next term we will be looking at 'Dear Zoo' and 'How to Catch Santa'. The children will begin to develop their ability to write for different purposes as they will be writing their own letters and set of instructions. Throughout this learning, the children will also continue to develop their letter and sound understanding. We will be using these texts to inspire our learning in Science next term as we will be looking at animals around the world and what they eat and building a holiday home for Santa using different materials. We will continue to practise handwriting and fine motor skills daily, so that your children develop speed and confidence with their writing. Maths will focus on geometric reasoning, where the children will continue to develop their knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

PE will continue to be on a **Wednesday** for both **1KT** and **1CC**. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and water bottle in school on this day. As part of the school policy, if your child does not have their PE kit in school on this day they will unfortunately miss their breaktime until it is brought in.

Just to remind you, all children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be four options available each day including a hot meal, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with filling or a sandwich. They are also entitled to a free healthy snack each day.

Thank you for your continued support, it really does make a difference.

Miss Terry and Miss Cox

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