



# Ernesettle Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We'd like to start by thanking you all for your continued support throughout this academic year! The children in Year 1 have made tremendous progress and this would not have been possible without your commitment.

Next term we will be moving on to a new topic, 'Hooray... Let's Go on Holiday!'. Throughout the term we will be covering a wide range of curriculum areas such as Geography, History, DT, Art and Music. In Geography we will be identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns, not only in the United Kingdom but also across the 7 continents of the world – any extra practise of learning these over the Easter break will be greatly appreciated. In History we will be researching holidays from the Victorian era and comparing them to those now. We are most certainly in for a busy term! To support our teaching of this topic, we kindly ask for any photographs or souvenirs to be emailed or brought in to share with your child's class.

Homework expectations continue to include reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. 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. Please encourage your children to use the sound mats and Common Exception Words provided in their homework books when completing weekly challenges. Any extra practise of reading and spelling these words will be hugely appreciated, thank you.

In English next term we will be focusing on a story from another culture called 'Anasi the Spider' and the key story linking to our topic, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' which will take us to Plymouth Hoe and Smeaton's Tower. During this visit we will learn more about Smeaton's Tower and the job of a real-life lighthouse keeper. We hope Year 1 are ready to climb up all of those steps...! In Maths will be focusing on number sense and additive reasoning where we will focus on recognising and forming bigger numbers as well as adding and subtracting them using differing methods.

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 break time until it is brought in. In PE this term, the children will be applying and developing a broad range of skills during team games such as dodgeball.

Please do remember that 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.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Easter break!

Miss Cox and Miss Terry

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