



Ernesettle Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas holiday with your children. It is well-deserved after a busy term. We are all very proud of Year 1 and how they sang in our Christmas Nativity, you will all make brilliant performers next year!

We have great news! The zoo has been in touch and, although we cannot keep any of the animals as pets, we will be visited by some exciting creatures during the first week back. Keep an eye on our Facebook page because on Friday 10th January, the children will be able to hold and ask questions about a tarantula, a snake, a giant tortoise, a lizard and some micro hippos. We are sure the children will be just as excited as we are! Our topic next term is 'Flowers and Insects'. Within this topic we will be finding out where flowers and insects prefer to live, about honey and silk production, looking at paintings of flowers and insects and investigating what plants need to survive. Each class will be keeping caterpillars as pets and watching them transform into beautiful butterflies which we will then release in our outdoor area.

Homework expectations continue to include reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. As the Phonics Screening Check approaches please can we ask that you continue to engage with this and if you have any questions or concerns, catch your child's class teacher. The Phonics Club this term will be held during lunchtimes and invites will be given to children who we wish to attend. 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.

In English next term we will be taking a closer look at the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children will be innovating the story to create their own version with a slight twist. We will then be looking at non-fiction writing and creating our own information report about a butterfly. Maths will focus on Number Sense, where the children will continue to develop their knowledge of counting to and past 100, forwards and backwards. The children will then move on to Multiplicative Reasoning where they will begin to multiply and divide numbers by 2, 5 and 10.

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday for both 1KT and 1PH. 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 movement skills in dance.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Terry and Miss Hamley

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