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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud of all the children in Year 1 and the brilliant learning they have done this term. We have seen great progress in reading and would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a restful half term and are ready to hit the ground running in Term 4!

In English next term we will be looking at the favourites 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Farmer Duck'. As an exciting exit after writing alternative versions of the story, we will be visiting Pennywell Farm where we will meet and greet lots of animals. I am sure the children will be as excited as we are! Keep an eye out on our Facebook page on the 26th March to catch a glimpse of the fun we will have. 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 Additive Reasoning where they will develop their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 and doubling and halving.

Our topic next term will continue to focus on 'Flowers and Insects'. We have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and will be hatching our own butterflies in the classroom. On Science Day, we have an exciting activity planned where the children will be dissecting and sorting a variety of flowers after learning about their different parts. We are excited to have Mrs May, the specialist art teacher, join us on a Wednesday (1PH) and a Thursday (1KT) to develop the children's art learning and techniques even further.

Homework expectations continue to include reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. As you are aware, we have new reading records where you can find the phase 2-5 sounds and Year 1 common exception words. Please continue to support your children to recognise their sounds and sight read the common exception words. Please ensure that these records are looked after and are being used to their full potential, there are many useful things to help with reading and phonics as the Phonics Screening Check approaches.

To reduce the amount of plastic we use, from Term 4 we will no longer be selling plastic cup drinks at breaktime. Please can you encourage your children to bring a drink in a reusable bottle so that we are doing our bit for the environment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Terry and Miss Hamley

