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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Summer 1 Term Curriculum Letter**

Hope you have all had an amazing Easter break and are looking forward to the coming term.

This term we will be launching our new topic Harwell Happenings. The driving question that will impact all of our learning is 'What makes Harwell special?'

In **Literacy** this term, we will kick off this topic by taking a trip to the park. This will support us when we write a persuasive letter on why people should visit Harwell park. In **Maths** we will continue to consolidate our understanding of place value, begin to look at early multiplication and division, fractions, time and money.

In **phonics** we will continue to deliver a daily session. Children should be coming home with books from their coloured group and are welcome to take appropriate coloured books from the library.

**Please return any books you may have at home** that belong to the school library if you have not done so already in preparation for the new term.

Before the end of the Year 1, the children will take part in their **Phonics Screening**. This is done in June to assess the children's reading, spelling and decoding. During the screening children are asked to read (decode) 40 words. There is a mixture of real words and 'alien words'. Alien words are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just memorizing. I will put resources/support on the Google Classroom for you to engage with your child at home. Anything that you can do with them will benefit their progress with this.

**Reading records** still need to come into school everyday. I am collecting reading records on a Friday to read your comments/leave my own. Also adults teaching a phonics group aim to write in reading records when they read with your child, **so please make sure their book bags are coming in daily.**

In **PE** we will be looking at using our skills of throwing and catching from spring term to implement in various team games. Your child will still need to come into school in their PE kits on a **Monday**.

In **PHSE** we will be looking at 'Relationships'. The children will be exploring families, making friends, greetings, people who help us, being our own best friend and celebrating the relationships that we have.

The **Outcome** for this term will be on Wednesday 25th May and I would like to invite you to see the futuristic Harwell that the children will have created themselves. I have attached a home project letter for you to read which will give you more information.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term, if not please feel free to talk to me with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued support and here's to another amazing term.

Miss Thomson and the Year 1 Team