

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you all had a joyful and restful break. The time is whizzing by and we already find ourselves in the final term of this academic year!

The topic webs you will receive with this letter will tell you about our plans for this term. It'll be action-packed as always. We are introducing the Expert Showcase as a way to encourage our speaking and listening skills, but also to develop our questioning and explaining skills. The children will take turns to bring home the Expert Showcase bag. They can use it to bring in something they would like to share with the class. This could be an object, a photo, a picture, anything really, but we would like them to be able to tell us all some information about the contents of the bag. They can also give a demonstration if they choose to be an expert on a skill they have. When they bring the bag home, please could you encourage them to think about what they might tell us, and maybe practise what they would like to say at home. The other children will be encouraged to ask them questions - as they will be the 'expert' about the contents of the bag.

Our PE days are still **Tuesday and Thursday**, so the children will need to come to school in their PE kit that day. Please make sure that long hair is tied up and that they are not wearing any jewellery (earrings must be removed or covered at home).

Please ensure that the children return their book bags to school weekly. They will receive a new reading book and a class reader to keep for the following week. Bookbags need to be in on **Monday** for Year 1 children and on **Thursday** for Reception children. Please record any observations or comments in the reading record book each week. This record also has some activities to support the new phonic learning in school.

Please remember to pop some spare clothes in your child's bag just in case they need it.

We look forward to another busy and exciting term.

Thanks for all your support.

Mrs Morley and Ms Stenhouse