

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020

### Reading and Home-Learning in Year One

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into the new routines and expectations of Year One over the past few weeks! We are thrilled with the progress they have made already and are so impressed with how sensibly they are following all of our new rules to keep them safe in school. Today your children will be bringing home a reading book for the first time. Due to the current climate, we have had to make some changes to the way we manage home reading, and home-learning, in Year One. We hope this letter clarifies the arrangements over the next two terms.

- Today, your children are bringing home **reading books** to read at home. We are sending home their **home-contact books** for you to record your child's reading in. These should be kept at home and will allow you to track their progress and achievements. Children in Year One should read **daily** to an adult. A short reading session daily is much better than longer, less frequent sessions. Please also use **Bug Club** as much as possible, as this is an excellent resource to accelerate progress in reading.
- We will need to quarantine books in school for 3 days to ensure the safety of items going home which have been used by others. Children must return their reading book to school before they are issued with another. We will be issuing new books only on **Tuesday** and **Friday** each week.
- During the last week of this term, the children will bring home their green **home-learning books**. These will remain at home for the time being. Inside the front cover will be the **spellings** you will need to learn for Term 2. There will be a short home learning task for your child to complete with you each week. These will be dated so you can keep track and will start from the first week of Term 2. Although we are not able to mark these in school as we used to, we hope that working with your child in this way will provide you, as parents, a useful insight into the key areas we are working on in class. There will be a mixture of maths and phonics tasks which will directly support your child to make progress and consolidate their learning in school.

Thank you so much for all your support.

The Year One Team.