



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Zebra families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

### **Learning**

We will continue to be teaching Maths, English and phonics each day. In English we will be focusing on using adjectives to add description to our writing and in Maths we will be looking at place value (tens and ones) and exploring the composition of number beyond ten. Our topic this half term is 'Superheroes and people who help us' with a focus on properties of everyday materials in science and looking at our own history as well as the life of Mary Seacole in history. In Spring 2 our topic will be 'Food from around the world' with a focus on plants in science and map skills in geography. We will continue with Learning and Discovery time and using small group times to deliver all other subjects, with the children having must do tasks to complete as well as initiating their own learning. Please do let us know if your occupation fits into the category of people who help us, E.g. Doctor/nurse, firefighter or Police etc and you would be happy to come and talk to the children about your role!

### **Library**

Library sessions will remain on Mondays for Zebra class. Please ensure books are returned weekly as your child cannot be issued another book until their previous one is returned.

### **P.E**

Every Monday your child will need to come to school in their P.E kit, and wear it all day. Please make sure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather, including shoes, and that they are wearing their red school jumper.

### **Wellie Wednesday**

On Wellie Wednesdays we will enjoy a range of outdoor learning activities. Children will need to have waterproofs and wellies in school as we will go outside whatever the weather. Children will need to arrive in school in Wellie Wednesday clothes, clothes suitable for the weather outside and bring their school uniform in a named bag to change into afterwards. Please do ensure your child has spare socks available to change into as these often get wet!



## **Homework**

Reading continues to be a priority in Year 1 and it is expected that children are heard at home at least four times a week. A sapphire gem will be awarded each time your child has completed four reads at home in a single week. Reading journals will be checked the following week and sapphire gems will be awarded. Please remember to write in your child's reading journal when you have heard your child read and praise their achievements. We will also pop in links to supporting their phonics at home as it is crucial children can recall phase 5 sounds as soon as possible. Please regularly review these sounds at home, they can be found in the middle of the journal and there are lots of phonic resources on the school website.

<https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/phonics-phase-5>

At the back of your child's reading journal, you will find their Purple Mash login. Please feel free to explore the games on Purple Mash with your child. The Bond Bubbles game is a fun way to practice number bonds!

If you have any questions please speak to the team after school.

The Year 1 Team