

Dear Parents and carers,



I hope you've all had a great summer holiday and the children have enjoyed their first week back at school. It's been lovely to see the children come into school each morning with a smile and lots of enthusiasm for the day ahead! Although many of our routines have had to change again due to restrictions being lifted, the Bumblebees are doing a super job of adapting to these changes.

### Reading Books

Once we've assessed the children's phonic knowledge and reading skills, we will begin to send home reading books. The children should always have **at least two reading books** in their book bag each day along with their **reading diary**. After they have read, please record page numbers and any comments in their reading diary.

All books sent home will be very closely matched your child's phonic learning within school and will be fully decodable. This means that your child won't encounter sounds within words that they haven't been taught yet.

When reading at home with your child, the focus should be on their fluency, expression and understanding of the text. By reading at home regularly for 5-10 minutes, you are giving your child the chance to rehearse and consolidate skills they're being taught in school and build their confidence.



### Changing Reading Books

As we no longer need to quarantine reading books and reading diaries, we can start to change books whenever needed. If you're aware your child needs to change their book, please remind them to hand in their books and reading diary first thing in the morning. They need to put these into the **blue basket in the classroom**. We will also remind the children to do this and aim to change their books by the end of the school day. Remember that re-reading texts helps to build fluency!

### Library Books

The children will choose **two free choice library books** to take home to share with their families. The children can bring these back to exchange them for new library books **every Friday**.

## Homework

To reinforce and enhance their learning, the children will be asked to complete the following homework tasks:

- **Reading** (fully decodable reading books)
- **Reading challenges** (at least one activity a week).  
*These will be stuck into your child's reading diary.*
- **Knowledge organiser facts and vocabulary** (with optional topic related activities)
- **Rainbow Spellings** (allocated on Seesaw on Fridays)
- **Active Learn: Interactive Maths Games** (one game allocated a week on Fridays)



This term, our PE lessons are on  
**Wednesday and Thursday.**

*Please send your child to school in  
their PE kits on these days.*

## Below are a few reminders of things your child needs to bring to school:

### - **Water Bottles (Named)**

The children keep their water bottles in a tray at the back of the classroom so they can access their drink throughout the day. Please note that bottles should only contain water.

### - **Weather Appropriate Clothing**

As the weather at the moment can be very changeable, please make sure your child has an appropriate **coat or jacket** and **sunhat** in school with them every day.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Many thanks,

Miss Smith