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### Return to School

I have been impressed by how well all the children have behaved on their return to school this week. They have worked hard in the classroom and followed all the school's safety rules sensibly and maturely. The teachers will work with the children to find out what learning they need to look over again. They will make time throughout the school day to go back over this learning. This will give the children the best chance of reaching the expected standard in all their subjects by the end of the academic year.

### World Book Day

Last week, all the children celebrated World Book Day. It was great to see so many children sharing their favourite books with each other. We hope this will encourage our children to read new books. Below are some quotes from the children when they were sharing their recommendations.

- Cayden (Y1): "My favourite book is *Funnybones* because it has a silly song in the book."
- Tilly (Y2): "*Englebert Sneem* is my favourite book because it has a happy ending. The character is a dream catcher, who bottles up children's happy dreams and hides them away in his castle for himself."
- Tia-Jae (Y4): "I like books by Rachel Russell. I like *The Misadventures of Max Crumbly* because they always end on a cliffhanger. This makes me want to read the next one!"
- Riley (Y4): "My favourite book is *Fantastic Mr Fox*. I like this character because he is confident and faces challenges. He is very resilient. I would like to be like him!"
- Harley-Jaye (Y6): "I really enjoyed reading *Mr Stink*. It teaches us that we shouldn't judge someone by their appearance."

### Reading

Recently, parents of our younger children received an e-mail about what their child will learn in their phonics lessons this half-term. The e-mail also explained how you can support your child at home with their early reading. It is important to keep revisiting the sounds and tricky words that your child has already been taught. Please also try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes a day. If you haven't seen this information, it can be found under the "Letters to Parents" section of the school website.

### Word of the Month

We must encourage our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in March:

- Year 1 - dread
- Year 2 - shriek
- Year 3 - portable
- Year 4 - infinite
- Year 5 - spectre
- Year 6 – unoccupied

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher