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Reading Update

Our aim is to help our children to read fluently and with expression. Children have reading lessons and interventions every day to encourage them to read more fluently. Interventions are extra sessions that children have daily to improve their reading. As well as their Oxford Reading Tree book, your child may also bring home an extra text to read each week. Please read this text to your child and allow them to read it back to you. At the end of Key Stage 1, a child who can read at 90 words a minute is considered to be a fluent reader. If you need any more information about reading fluency, please ask to speak to your child's class teacher.

Phonics Comics

Children from nursery to year 1 continue to work on their early reading skills. The children use their phonics knowledge and skills to decode words. The best way to practise this is to read fully decodable texts. Listening to your child read their Oxford Reading Tree book for ten minutes every day is a great way to help your child with this skill. Also, Phonics Comics is a useful website for children to practise their reading skills. On this site, children can read fully decodable sentences to support their learning in class. You can access this website through the following link:

<https://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html>

Star Rewards

As part of our positive behaviour policy, children are awarded stars for their outstanding work in the classroom, their excellent behaviour and for showing they can follow the golden rules. Normally, at the end of each term, the children would win a prize dependent on how many stars they had earned. As most of the children have only recently returned to school, any stars that have been awarded will be carried over into the summer term.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to Year 3 for having the highest attendance! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.84%	96.4%	97.04%	99.19%	96.92%	95.1%	97.33%	96.46%

Twitter

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. This week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have done since they all returned to school.

Easter Holidays

School will reopen for all children on Monday 12th April. Enjoy the break and stay safe!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

