



## Class One Summer Term

Welcome back to the Summer term in class one.

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter holiday and have eaten plenty of chocolate treats.

Summer in class one is very exciting. It's the term where we celebrate all that has been learned since September and apply it to all of our work. We will work towards the Phonics screening test in June. This is a National test, completed by all pupils. It is carried out in a fun, non-threatening way. The children will be presented with a set of 40 words. half of the words will be real words and half will be nonsense words, which are accompanied by an image of an alien, so that the children know they are reading a silly, made-up word. The test is designed to check each child's retained phonic knowledge. They will read the words on their own, with me, in a quiet space. I will ask them to use their phonics to try and sound out, then blend to read each word. There are always plenty of giggles and lots of praise. You will be informed at the end of Summer term 2 as to how well your child performed. The usual pass rate is 32/40. If your child doesn't score this many, they will receive additional phonics lessons and will be re-tested at the end of year 2. I will send home plenty of practise material so that you can support this yourselves.

Our topic theme is Nurturing nurses. We will be finding out about influential nurses over time, with a particular focus on Florence Nightingale. If any of you is a nurse, we would like to invite you into class just before the half-term break, so that we can find out about nursing today and compare it what we have learned.

PE will often be outside, so please send named track suits and trainers in addition to indoor PE kits.

Spellings will continue to be sent home each Friday and tested the following week. We will track home reading (Friday to Friday) and will award those children who have signatures to say they have read at home more than 3 times in that week, with a prize from our large goody-box.

Please read the school newsletters for up-coming events. Any questions, just ask!

Ms McCulloch