

SOMERSET EDUCATION SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Term's Topic

Next term our topic will be autumn. On Friday the 3rd of November we will be going for a walk around the Millennium Wood to inspire some recount writing. Please ensure all children have jumpers/cardigans, coats and wellies in school.

"Autumnal Exhibition"

On Wednesday the 1st of November we are having a special topic-themed "Autumnal Exhibition". All children who would like to bring something autumnal can do so (even if they have already had their two turns of our weekly show & tell - this is a special one-off event!). Children might like to produce something for this, such as an autumnal picture, or a shoebox scene, or a relevant piece of writing. Anything autumnal from the environment is also welcome, as are related books, photos, etc. Our normal weekly show & tell will resume the following week.

Weekly Reading

Thank you for your support this term with reading at home. Many of the children have become much more fluent readers and are answering comprehension questions more confidently too. We check reading records each Friday so please ensure you update these each time your child reads; we ask for a minimum of four times a week.

Next term we will be giving children more opportunities to choose their own books. On a Friday, children will bring home their 'Weekly Reader'; this will now be a book that your child has chosen themselves. This is kept for a week to give time for your child to read it at least twice and for you to have a more in-depth conversation together about the book's subject matter and vocabulary. Some



examples of the kinds of comprehension questions you can ask are included in your child's reading record. At the back of this letter I have included sound mats showing the sounds that we have been revising and learning in phonics so you can help your child to spot these sounds. 'Daily Readers' will continue to be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday. Next term we will start taking out library books and these will be changed fortnightly, usually on a Monday. If you have any questions or concerns about reading at home please do come and speak to me.

Reading Mentors

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer any time to hear children read please let me know, as we are looking for more 'Reading Mentors'. Even just an hour a week can make a huge difference.

Maths

In maths we are continuing our work on addition, subtraction, reasoning and problem solving before moving onto 3D shapes.

Useful Apps and Websites

A few parents have asked me for recommendations of websites and apps that can be used to support children's learning. I am in the process of compiling a list so if you are aware of any apps or websites which might benefit other parents please let me know. Playing games like Monopoly, card games, word games and dice games is also a fun way to support children's reasoning, problem solving and thinking skills.

Yours sincerely

Miss Wilkinson