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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term! We hope you all had a fantastic Easter and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful sunshine we had. The children have all come back into school with lots of smiles and it has been lovely to hear about some of the things they got up to in the holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity also to say a big thank you to Miss Morris for all her hard work over the Spring Term. This Wednesday will be her last day with class 1 and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

English This term we will be reading a variety of different texts in class and linking our writing to them. We have started off with a text called 'Beegu'- the children may have come home last week and told you that an alien was in the school! After this, our text will be 'Lubna and Pebble'. With both of these texts we will be looking at improving the children's writing skills by using adjectives, conjunctions such as and, but, so and because and encouraging the children to move from writing in simple sentences to more complex sentences. We have been really focusing on improving our handwriting and the children have been practising this every morning when they come into school. We have seen a massive improvement in letter formation because of this- well done children! After half term the texts we will be studying are 'Stella and the seagull' and 'The Sea Saw'. With these texts we will learn about letter writing, instructions, features of non-fiction texts, speech bubbles and oracy.

Reading and Homework Please continue to read regularly with your child at home and record this in their reading diary – we cannot emphasise enough how important reading 'little and often' is.

In June, the children will be completing a phonics screening check where they will be asked to read real words and pseudo words (made up words). We have been working hard with the children to ensure that they are able to use and apply their sounding and blending skills. We will be sending out some further information regarding the phonics screening check in due course.

Phonics reading books will be changed once weekly on a Thursday and library books will be changed once weekly on a Friday. Please support your child to keep their school books stored safely in their book bag everyday so that they are readily available to use in school when needed.

Maths We will be learning how to count in our 2s, 5s and 10s and learning about multiplication and division. At home you can help practise this by encouraging your child to count in multiples as they go down the stairs, bounce on the trampoline etc. We are also learning about arrays and breaking down what numbers are made up. We will then be moving on to learning about fractions and looking at how to find halves and quarters of a shape or group of objects. You can look at this with your child at home- this is always a fun activity to do with cake! Next, we will look at 2D and 3D shapes and positional language. There is an amazing app called 'bee bot' which you can download and play which will help your children

learn about quarter and half terns and position and direction. We will then return to learning about place value and numbers within 100. Please practise counting forwards and backwards with your children at home. A great website to use to practice identifying how many tens and ones are in a number is ictgames.com. In class we play a game called 'shark numbers' and this is in the place value section of the website. There are lots of other great games on this website that link to our objectives in maths. Lastly, we will be learning about money and time. We will be looking at how to read o'clock and half past times and solving problems with money. A fun activity at home is to set up a 'shop' and use some real coins to encourage the children to pay for different things.

Science Our topics this term are plants and learning about scientists and inventors! We will also finish off our learning about seasonal changes as we move into summer. In the first half term we will be planting sunflower seeds and observing how they change over time. We will learn about the different parts of a plant and what they need to grow. We will also learn about different types of trees and flowers. Hopefully, the children will have a sunflower seedling to take home with them at the end of our project!

PE Our PE lessons this term are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays we have swimming, so please send your child into school wearing school uniform and ensure they have a small, easy to carry bag with their swimming kit inside. On Thursdays, we will be developing our athletics skills. Hopefully, if the weather allows, we will be able to take our PE lessons outdoors as much as possible. It will be especially important to remember to bring a sun hat and apply sunscreen. If your child wears earrings, they must be able to remove their earrings independently at school for PE lessons and it would be very helpful if you could provide a named box or envelope for them to be stored in.

Other areas of the curriculum In Geography we will learn about what the weather is like in the UK and name and locate the four countries of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. In History we will be learning and Kings, Queens and castles. We will talk about where people and events fit in a timeline and identify what is the same and different about life in different periods of time.

In computing we are learning how to follow instructions using lego, spreadsheets and data and grouping and sorting items. We will also be looking at different technology that exists out of school and where and why it is used. In music we will learn about pulse, rhythm and pitch in different styles of music, using our imagination to compose and looking back on the history of music

General As the weather warms up, **please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure they have a named sunhat and named water bottle.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us at the end of the day or email through the parents@blackmore.essex.sch.uk email address and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to an enjoyable and fulfilling term ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to reach their potential.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Bellamy and Mrs Duckett.



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