



Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

Have a look at **Google Classroom** with a grown up and this week you will find another phonics activity to complete. We hope you enjoy it.

Under 'Classwork' you will also find a task all about 'The Six Ways to Wellbeing'. Have a look at this with a grown up and choose a few activities to try during half term. We would love to see any photos or drawings of what you get up to.

Love Benny and Bertie

Week beginning 19th October 2020

Dear Parents,

We can't believe that it is the end of Term 1 already! A big well done to all of the children for settling in so well; we are really impressed by the effort and enthusiasm they have shown and how well they have adapted to their new routines.

This week concluded our 'transport' theme, which has covered 'The Naughty Bus', 'Fireman Sam', and 'Cars' and we enjoyed two very creative days on Thursday and Friday, don't forget to check our Facebook page to see some photos. To say a big well done to the children for all of their hard work this term we also enjoyed watching the film 'Cars' this afternoon. After the half term break, our learning will be based on the theme – 'Around the World'. During this we will be learning about lots of different countries and cultures from all over the world. This will include Diwali and later in the term we will also be thinking about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries.

Thank you to everyone who attempted the phonics home learning that we set via Google Classroom last week. We apologise that it wasn't easy to access and we really appreciate you persevering with it. We are also 'learning' as we go when it comes to online teaching and we will be continuing to set tasks on this, so that we all have the opportunity to become familiar with how it works.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for helping them to learn their sounds. You will find the new sounds they have learnt this week in their book bags (j, v, w, x). We have been so pleased with how the children's reading is progressing recently and it is so important that they continue to read regularly at home and at school, for this progress to continue. From after half term, we will be starting our reward system to support regular reading at home. For every 10 occasions that children read their school book **or** practise their sounds and CVC words at home and this is noted in the home school diary, they will receive a 'super reading' certificate! Happy reading!

We would welcome any donations of recycling to use in our junk modelling area. We would be particularly grateful for **clean** plastic bottles and cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes; the only things we cannot accept are egg cartons and packaging from nut products. We are also looking to update our outside music area and are on the lookout for any old cake tins, metal cooking utensils or baking trays. If you have any items that you no longer use we will happily take them off your hands!

Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing half term break.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Uttley, Mrs Fawcett-Jones, Mrs Coates and Mrs Wade