Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

As next Thursday is World Book Day, we will be enjoying even more stories than usual! Over the weekend, it would be great if you could read your favourite book with an adult. We would love it if you could write or draw us a picture of your favourite part of the story as well.

Love Buzz and Bertie

Week beginning 21st February 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had such an exciting start to Term 4. On Monday, we received a mysterious message in our classroom which sent us on an exciting treasure hunt as we became part of a 'Pirate Crew!' After lunch, we had more challenges to complete including sorting pirate treasure to see if the words were real or alien, cutting pirate parrot pictures to complete collages and making a pirate ship on the playground from the wooden blocks and other construction materials. The children were so eager to begin 'Busy Time' this week to play in our new pirate ship role play area, dress in pirate costumes, act out stories with our pirate boats, and play 'Pop Up Pirate', amongst a range of other pirate activities! Ooooh arghhhh!

Our spotlight subject this term is Spanish and the children have already begun to learn the numbers 0-10 in Spanish as well as how to say different colours. They have been focusing on the following colours: red/rojo, yellow/Amarillo, blue/azul, green/verde, grey/gris.

In Maths this week we have recapped the concept of 'one more' and we are now working on rapid recall of 'one more' number facts. This might be something you would like to practise at home. In phonics this week, we have been consolidating some phase three digraphs and trigraphs looking at how to blend these within words. We have also been exploring some CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) such as ant, elf, end, best, desk, and help.

Thank you very much for the amazing pirate projects that have come in this week! We really appreciate the time and effort that has gone into these. They look fantastic and the children have really enjoyed sharing their creations with the class.

From Friday next week (4th March), the Bumblebees will engage in Balanceability in their PE lessons. This will swap to Butterflies in Term 5. The Balanceability programme helps children learn key balance skills to develop their physical literacy. More information can be found here: https://www.balanceability.com/. All equipment is provided in school.

## **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Book share. Come into class to share your child's learning with them straight after school

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day. On this day, the children can come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book (this is optional). We cannot wait to see their costumes!

Please remember that if you have any queries or questions you can always catch us at the end of the day, or write us a note in the home school diary.

The Foundation Team





