



SAINT JOHN'S

April 2024

Welcome to the Summer Term!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you and the children have had a lovely Easter break and are now refreshed and ready for a new term.

Phonics continues to be a priority for us, as it underpins the children's reading and writing. **The National Phonics Screening Test takes place in June for all Year 1 children.** More information will be sent out in the next few weeks. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read as frequently as possible. Daily would be fantastic!! Also, talking to your child about the phonics sheets that they bring home twice a week, reinforces their learning at school. Please ensure your child's bookbag, with their reading books and **home school diary is signed and in school every day.** We have a number of reading volunteers who come into our class to listen to children read individually during the week, so reading books and reading records should be in school every day.

New spellings will be put in your child's homework book on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Please do help your child practise these words at home, a couple of words a night stops it feeling too daunting. Please ensure your child's homework book is in school **every Friday.**

Our PE days will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Please can I remind you that the children should come into school in their PE kit.

On Thursday mornings, we will continue going to Forest School at Cheltenham College. We will start back in the second week of term.

Please see the attached termly overview, which explains what your child is learning this term and all of the exciting enrichment opportunities that are happening.

Many thanks for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me via Dojo or after school in person, if you have any questions.

Mrs Emma Roper and Miss Kate Walsh

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