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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season. It has been amazing to see the incredible progress your children have made since September and how they've grown in confidence and independence within our Reception classes.

Together, we are committed to building on the strong foundation established during the autumn term to further support your child's learning and development.

Over the past term, the children have become familiar with class routines, expectations, and their learning environment. They've developed positive relationships with peers and staff, while gaining valuable skills in phonics, literacy, maths, and beyond. This term, we'll focus on deepening those skills, ensuring every child is challenged and supported to reach their full potential.

Phonics remains a key focus, and we are delighted to see many children confidently recognising phonemes (sounds) and more securely blending them into words. This term, we'll introduce more complex phonemes, such as digraphs and trigraphs, and continue to support handwriting and letter formation. Please continue to encourage your child to practise these skills at home.

In literacy, our classes are writing words and phrases with increased independence. This term, we'll guide them in developing their sentence-building skills and storytelling abilities through shared reading and creative writing tasks. In maths, the children's understanding of numbers has grown remarkably. Building on their knowledge of counting and comparing quantities, we'll now focus on developing number sense and problem-solving with practical resources to strengthen reasoning and mathematical vocabulary.

Working towards accelerated progress in phonics and literacy, we will soon be sending home two books with your child weekly. One book will continue to be phonics-focussed; emphasising new sounds and irregular words. You can listen to your child read this as often as possible. The second book will be a story book for you to read to your child, the book will be chosen for rich vocabulary and opportunities to develop communication through discussion.

We encourage you to stay connected with us through regular updates on your child's progress via Tapestry and other school communications. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak with the class teachers.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's learning journey. We are excited to see their growth this term!

Yours sincerely,
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