



# Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents

We hope you have had a good Easter break. Our topic for the first half of the term is 'Where Do I Live?' The year 2's will also be very busy this half term preparing for their SATS tests in May. Please find below some useful reminders for this term:-

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- 1) Please continue to read at home every night with your child. It really does make a difference to their education! Reading certificates will continue to be handed out on Friday for those children who read every night. Your child reads every day in school as part of our phonics programme – Read Write Inc. They regularly read to a member of staff during this time. The year 2 children who no longer follow a phonics programme are taught reading through guided or whole class sessions.
- 2) Your child is free to bring a water bottle into class filled with water.
- 3) PE kits should remain in school from Monday to Friday. A school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts, spare socks and trainers. Long hair must be tied back so, if this applies, please provide hair bands.
- 4) Please label all clothes including PE kits with your child's name. Items rarely get lost if they have a name in them!
- 5) Home learning will continue to be set on a Friday and, unless stated otherwise, will be expected to be handed in on the following Thursday.
- 6) Accelerated Reader will be introduced to KS1 this term for those children who are almost or who have finished the colour book bands. It is expected that once a book has been read at home they will carry out a small comprehension quiz in school to check their understanding.
- 7) The year 2's are still busy preparing for their SATS tests in May. These tests are not meant to be stressful for the children and any preparation will be done as part of their normal class work.

Please don't hesitate to contact us after school if you have any concerns or queries. We look forward to another happy and productive term!

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The KS1 Team