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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you had a lovely half term and are ready for another exciting term in Reception. Our topic for this term is "People who help us" with the focus being on those people who help us within our local community. The range of activities planned for the children can be found on the topic web. If anyone can come in and speak about their profession, we would love to hear from you. We aim to have several visitors throughout the term including the Police and Fire Service to enhance the children's learning, but we would happily welcome more.

Phonics and Reading

We have now taught all of Phase 2 and 3 phonics and it is really important that children are recognising these sounds in different places. Please continue to recap the sounds with your child using their red phonics book, it would also be very helpful if you could support them to pick the sounds out in other books that you share at home, so they are seeing them in different contexts.

Each week, your child will continue to be allocated a reading book to read at home, this book has been carefully matched to your child's reading ability. They should be encouraged to independently segment and blend the words as well as recognising the common exception words by sight. Your child will also choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from our class library box. This is a book for you to read to/ share with your child.

Please remember to record comments or a signature in their reading log to show that you have read with your child. We love to celebrate their efforts and achievements and it is also a way for us to see who needs their book changing on a Monday.

Literacy

We are encouraging children to practise the correct tripod pencil grip at all times, and we are moving on to children being able to write simple words and sentences, e.g., 'I can see...' (using known sounds and known common exception words). We will be prompting children to form their letters correctly when writing and they will take part in daily handwriting sessions.

Magic Maths

By the end of Reception children are expected to recall number bonds up to 5. Although this sounds quite daunting, we have started to teach the children the composition of numbers and their number knowledge is really developing. Towards the end of term, we will send home number



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bond flash cards and simple activities to support you with practising them with your child at home.

Parents Evening

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on: Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March. You will soon be given the details about how to book an appointment.

PE

PE (gymnastics) will continue to take place on a Friday. Please send your child to school dressed in jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and school jumper/ cardigan.

Spare Clothes

Please ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag/on their peg every day in case of accidents or needing to change after a messy activity. Now that we are entering the Spring term, we will be spending more time outdoors, exploring sand, water and the school field/ forest area.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

The Reception Team

Mrs Painter, Mrs Iliffe, Mrs Hayward and Mrs Newman