



## Year 1 Horse chestnuts

Dear Parent/Carers and children

We hope you had a lovely time over the half term holidays and are now ready to start the new term!

### Reading in Year 1...

The children have been racing through their phonics and have made immense progress. Throughout this term we will continue to learn more of the Phase 5 phonics. I hope the phonic assessment sheet was useful.

To help your child embed and apply their knowledge of phonics it is vital they read every day. I understand sometimes that is not possible but I can really see a difference. They need to be turquoise stage when they leave year one (old stage 7).

During the school week your child is reading every day with an adult.

Please continue to ask questions about the text and record any comments in the reading records.

### This term

During term we will continue with the topic will be 'Why can't a meerkat live at the North Pole?' During this topic we will explore different animals, their habitats and weather across the world.

In Literacy we will focus on a variety of genres; poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

In maths the children will continue through the Inspire programme, looking at numbers to 40, column addition and subtraction and multiplication.

In art we will continue to focus on landscapes. For RE we will explore salvation and why does Easter matter to Christians?

In Science we will continue our topic of animals including humans.



### General reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a warm PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We will be outside!
- Your child may bring in a water bottle to keep in class. This can be used throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due back on the Thursday.
- Next term we will be making lots of cars for a DT competition at Christ Church, please can you send in any strong shoe boxes. An engineer will also come and talk and work with the children.

**Thank you Mrs Friend, Mrs Dougall and Miss Reay**