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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the new term. The children have returned letting their lights shine, they are always reading to learn and showing great enthusiasm.

Reading

This term we will be focussing on reading stamina. In order to meet the demands of the SATs reading paper, children need to read three texts and answer questions within one hour. You can support this at home by encouraging reading sessions of 20-30 mins, not every day but 2 or 3 times a week. This can be done independently, followed by a quick summary for a couple of minutes with parents/carers about the content of what they read in the session. In Guided Reading lessons we will continue to talk about prosody in reading - that is intonation and expression - as this helps with decoding meaning. We will visit and revisit 'word attack' strategies to help investigate the meaning of words within a sentence. This means that we look around the word at the sentence to think about what the word could mean in context.

SATs practise

Alongside our boosters which have now begun we will be continuing to practise specific SATs questions in school during lessons and talking about test techniques. If your child has ANY worries and concerns over the approaching tests please reassure them and discuss them with me. Last week we sat some practise SATs papers to help the children prepare further.

We now have revision books in school and we look at these daily and if we have any 'down time' e.g. once learning activities are finished. These can also come home with children if they need to look up anything to do with home learning activities, e.g. if they can't quite remember what a specific grammar term means or how to do a particular Maths activity/skill.

Communication

Please remember we also have a teacher email address, which is teacher@hertfordstandrew.herts.sch.uk

I hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Bond

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