



## Year 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you all had a restful Easter break! This term our topic title is 'Exmouth Explorers'. We have included a copy of the topic map to give you more detail of some of the areas we will be covering. If you have any expertise in these area or any resources please do let us know! This links really well with our **Geography** and understanding the local environment.

We will continue to have a big focus on **Phonics**, particularly on the children's ability to apply phonics to their reading and using it as a strategy to support their spelling. Your on-going support with regular reading (**at least five times a week**) is absolutely invaluable and will benefit your child enormously in confidence, pace and fluency. Please continue to encourage your child to blend words in their heads before they read aloud as this really helps develop fluency and understanding.

For the spelling homework for this term please refer to your child's individual assessments that we have sent home. This was updated at the end of last term with the spellings they need to focus on.

Please ensure that you write and/or sign the **reading record book** so that we know your child has read. This includes the e-books that count towards your child's certificates. We only change books if we can see they have been read through your comments in your child's reading record book.

Please can we remind you that it is really important your child has their own **drink bottle** in school, which is water only and clearly labelled. As well as this, please can all children have a **book bag in school**; these are kept in the classrooms and often if children have just a backpack on their peg and no bookbag, things can get missed or reading books don't get changed. As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that long-lasting sun cream is applied before coming to school. Children will also be encouraged to bring in a labelled sun hat.

We are welcoming back Mrs Muir to Rabbits and look forward to working with her again this term.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team