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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Spring 1 Term. Remember if you have any queries you can request a chat at the end of the day. If you need to speak to speak to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Blythe or Mrs Gill, please let us know when you get to the front of the line and we will ask you to wait with your child, until all the children have been reunited with their parents. You can also email us with queries at the addressees below. Our topic this half term is '**What is it like in a wood and in the jungle?**' Please find a planning overview for this half term attached detailing the curriculum areas we will be covering. It also includes some general information.

If you haven't yet had your parent consultation for a nursery child I will be in touch shortly to sort out a new date. I can offer Monday afternoons from 1pm, Thursday from 2:30 pm or after school on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday so please let me know what would suit you best.

Reading books:

All **Reception children** will now have 3 'reading books' or 2 books and a 'ditty' each week. We try to change these on **Thursdays** to be returned the following **Tuesday** but it is helpful if you send their **reading books every day** as sometimes this has to change to work around other things happening in school. The first book or ditty that your child brings home will already be familiar and will have short sentences to read in it. They should be able to read it to you with some fluency (I read to you). The second book is a book which will have sounds in it that they already know but the book will be new to them so they may need a little help with this (we read together). The third book will still be one that they have chosen from class or from our school library (you read to me). **Nursery children** will continue to bring home a book from class or the school library that they have chosen. This is for you to read to them and for them to talk to you about what is happening in the pictures. Encourage them to join in repeated phrases as they become more familiar with the story. We rely on you to send this back when you are ready for us to change it.

Phonics Homework:

Reception children will continue to have a book or game sent home every three or four weeks to reinforce their phonics knowledge in a fun way. Please return the dry-wipe writing book they had last term to get your next game sent out. They will shortly get an individual Nessy Login to practice phonics on a phone or tablet if they want to.

Please don't hesitate to request a chat with one of us after school, if you have any queries, however small about this or any other matters about your child. We are always happy to make a time to talk with you.



Yours sincerely,

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