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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Spring 1 Term. Remember if you have any queries you can email us at the addressees below. You can also now request a chat at the end of the day as we can now meet with you outside. If you need to speak to Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Blythe, or Mrs Porteus please let us know when you get to the front of the line and we will ask you to wait with your child at a social distance from other parents, until all the children have been reunited with their parents. We will also be contacting all of you at some point across the term to arrange a parent consultation meeting. Initially these will be on Google Meet which you can access via Google Classroom, but if restrictions continue to ease as planned; these meetings may be in school after the half term.

Our topic for the whole of this term, as you will probably already have gathered, is '**Pirates and the Sea**'. Please find a planning overview for the whole term attached detailing the curriculum areas we will be covering. It also includes some general information. This includes a request for you to send in **labelled** sun cream and a hat on sunny days as the weather is getting warmer. Please apply sun cream **before** children come to school and we will help them top it up as necessary. We are unable to share sun cream across children in case of allergies which is why they need their own which is clearly labelled.

Reading books:

All Reception children will have two reading books each week. These may now be changed on **Mondays, Tuesdays** or **Wednesdays** to be returned the following **Monday**. Nursery Children will also bring home a book from time to time that they have chosen for you to share with them. Please read these to your child and encourage them to join in where they can.

Phonics Homework:

Reception children will also all have Phonics homework sent home on Wednesdays to be collected in on the following **Wednesday**. In addition we would like them to continue to access **Nessy** to reinforce their learning in this area. We know most of them have already made a brilliant start with this, but if you are having any problems with accessing this resource, please speak to Mrs Blythe.



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,

Mrs Melanie Wilkinson, EYFS Teacher (Monday mornings, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays)

Email: melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Mrs Karen Blythe, Class 2 Teacher (EYFS Monday afternoons, and Thursdays)

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Mrs Pauline Porteus, EYFS Teacher (Wednesday afternoons)

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(NB: Mrs Porteus also works us on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons).