



# Keyworth Primary School

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Dear Year 1 families,

We would like to take the time to thank you all for your continued support for our Year 1 children. Without the support and the engagement of such dedicated parents the children would not make such good progress. So thank you for all your efforts with the spelling tests, rocket tests and daily reading. But we are asking for one final push! Now is the time to really focus on the reading and the spelling in preparation for their Phonics Test. However it is important to know that the children will be unaware this is taking place. There will be a parents phonics workshop after half term which will provide details about the phonics test and what we have been doing in school to prepare the children. Look out for letters coming soon.

**Homework:** Please ensure the children continue to do their homework in the colourful yellow scrap book. We are sending home a project on our new topic 'Toys'.

**Tests:** We will be continuing with our Maths Rocket test and Spelling tests each Friday. If you need a new Maths Rocket; please let us know. The children are progressing well through the stages although please remember each child progresses at their own rate.

This term's spelling tests have a big phonics focus so please ensure you practise at home. Ideally, please practise daily if possible in preparation for Friday's test.

Please continue to read at home with your children daily. We trust that you feel they are on the correct level, but do let us know if you notice they need more of a challenge. Please try to read each book 3 times. Firstly to decode new and unknown words, secondly for comprehension and finally for fluency. It is important that children have the chance to read fluently to develop their confidence and the feeling of achievement.

Please ensure your child's PE kit remains in school throughout the half term as PE will now take place 2 times each week (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who have supported with trips, throughout the year. Please look out for our trip to the Toy Museum which will take place after half term. The trips really cannot take place without the support of parents. We believe, and hope that you agree, trips are vital to enrich the children's learning.

Thank you again to all the parents who attended Thursday's Assembly for ICJ and IEM. The children were very proud of their efforts and I hope you will agree that they performed brilliantly.

Again please ask anytime you are concerned or unsure about anything. Please keep up with and support daily reading, spelling and mental maths. But most importantly please remember that learning should be fun and enjoyable so if at any point you feel you or your child is struggling please do let us know and we can always think of ways to help support you.

Many thanks

The YEAR 1 TEAM