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## **Parents as Partners**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. The children seem to have settled back in to the swing of school very quickly. I'm sure you all received the letter from Miss James this week about my absence which will begin next Thursday but if you have any questions while I'm not in please do not hesitate to ask Mr Swift or Mrs Hawken anytime.

<u>Topic:</u> Our topic this half term in the run up to Easter will focus mainly around plants. We will be going down to the wildlife area to have a look for signs of Spring and we are lucky that Mrs Hawken has brought some frogspawn into the classroom for us to be able to take a close look and to observe the changes that take place first hand. As we get closer to Easter we will do some work linked to the Easter story as well.

<u>Star Awards:</u> Our star awards this week have been awarded to Riley for his fantastic effort in English and to Troy for his knowledge of adjectives.

<u>Letters and Sounds:</u> Reception children won't be getting any new sounds in their letters and sounds books as they now have the majority of the phase 2 and 3 sounds which we need to work on consolidating and then being able to transfer their knowledge in to their reading and writing. We will leave their letters and sounds books in book bags for you to practise the sounds with your child at home

<u>Reading:</u> Just a reminder - please listen to your child read their reading book at least 3 times a week as this consistent practise helps embed their phonics learning as well.

Please could you sign and date in the comments box below to show that you have read the parents as partners letter.

Many thanks

Mrs Ellis

Homework: Reception - we have been working on counting in 2's with the children in our number sessions this week. Can they count in 2's with you at home? 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 etc.

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