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Dear Parents,

Re: Summer Term 2017

Welcome to the Summer Term! We are aiming to keep the sun shining in Otters' class with some exciting learning over the next term. The topic overview is attached, and this term we will be looking at 'magic'.

Educational Visits

To begin our topic, we will have a visit from a real-life magician who will show the children some magic tricks, talk about the history of magic and teach them how to do a few tricks themselves. Ozzy will be in school on Thursday 19th April. We are hoping that some of the skills they learn will be used at the end of term, when we will present a magic show to the rest of the school.

Year 2 SATs

We will begin these on Tuesday 1st May and will continue with them for up to two weeks, so that all children's needs are met during this important time. During this time, you can help your child at home by ensuring they are getting enough sleep and enjoying family activities when they are not at school. These tests are not designed to stress or worry the children; in my experience, they really enjoy working in 1:1 or small groups with the adults in the class so can often view them as fun!

Year 1 Phonics Screening

The Phonics Screening Tests take place in June. All the children taking the test have already had plenty of practice. More information on dates will be sent out closer to the time.

Reading continues to be an important area of learning for all the children this term so please ensure that your child is reading at home as frequently as possible as this will support their learning at school.

PE

PE will take place on a Thursday and a Friday. I suggest that the children have a PE kit in school every day, in case we have a change of plan. PE kits will need to include plimsolls/trainers, black or blue shorts and a white or blue t-shirt. After the May Half term Holiday, we will commence swimming and details of this will be sent out at a later date.

And finally, unless previously arranged with myself please, **DO NOT** let your child bring their own toys in from home unless they are requested to do so by teaching staff to support a particular area of learning. This ensures that no precious items go amiss.

I will send home learning tasks in the children's homework books each Friday; tasks should be completed and returned by Wednesday the following week. Tasks set, can relate to any area of the curriculum and are intended to support learning and be fun! Further to this I will continue to send home spellings each week; I expect these to be practiced in your child's homework book. Another way to engage children with learning at home is to access the **Active Learn** website at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk or the **TT Rockstars** website at www.ttrockstars.com which will help them learn those important timestables. Children will start to sit statutory timestables tests from 2020, in year 4. If you have forgotten your password for either of these, please contact myself or one of the class teaching assistants who can assist in this matter.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Orchard
Otters' Class Teacher

