



# BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear KS1 Families

Welcome back after the Easter break, we hope you all had an enjoyable time.

This is the last full term of the academic year and our topics will be 'The Great Fire Of London' and 'India' for Year 2, and 'Heroes and Heroines' and 'Ocean Explorers' for Year 1. We will be sending out the home learning grids to match these topics. Look out for information on exciting trips/excursions and walks to link to the topics in the near future. It is also a very exciting term as we celebrate the King's coronation!

This half term, the Year 2 children will be taking their End of Key Stage 1 tests. Please could we ask that you try to ensure your child is at school every day so that they do not miss out on preparation for the tests and the actual tests themselves. We do not want this to be an anxious time for the children, we will make as stress-free as possible. Please do not discuss the assessments with your children at home. They may talk to you about them referring to them as 'quizzes' which, is absolutely fine.

Next half term, the Year 1 children will be taking the Phonics Screening Check. The children are doing extremely well in their Phonics learning and previous assessments show that the cohort is on track to achieve great results. Like the End of Key Stage 1 tests, we will make the process as stress-free as possible. The children actually enjoy taking part in the screening check, especially reading the alien words!

As the summer is approaching please can you send your child in with a named hat and water bottle. On hot days we operate a 'no hat, no play' policy to ensure the safety of your child. If you wish to use sunscreen, please apply this on your child in the morning before you send them into school.

We are always very grateful for donations of tissues, newspapers, paper plates, plastic cups and wet wipes.

As always, many thanks for your support throughout the school year.

We plan to celebrate the end of the school year with the children next half term. We will give you more details nearer the time.

If you have any questions and/or comments, please do speak to myself or someone from the team.

Best Wishes

**Mrs K Haden and KS1 Team**