



## Acorns, Conkers and Chestnuts

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may we wish you all a very happy and healthy new year for you and your families. We hope that you and your children had a memorable Christmas and are now ready for the spring term here with us at Morley.

Our adventures this term will be based around the theme:

### FARMING

We will be looking at many different books; fiction and non fiction. But in particular; Oliver's vegetables, The Scarecrow's wedding, Farmer Duck, Pig in a pond and What the Ladybird heard. We urge you take a trip to your local library to borrow some of the titles so that your children become familiar with the texts and the language contained in the stories.

### READING

It is expected that you hear your children read their book everyday and record into their reading record. We were so pleased that some families spent so much time reading over the holiday, it has made such a difference and we can see the progress in these children already. We cannot emphasise enough that to become a good reader children need to read...LOTS, so please do see this as a priority for you and your child each day. Continue with all the books that you already read together; bedtime stories, poems etc.

This certainly makes you think:

If a child reads for 20 minutes a day then that child reads  
1,800,000 words a year.

If a child reads for 1 minute a day then they only read  
8,000 words a year

We will endeavour to hear the children once a week, but if you would like to come into class to help hear other readers in Pine, then please do come and have a word with us, as the more they read the better they will become.

### DAILY ROUTINE

The children are becoming more and more independent and we strongly encourage them to do things for themselves. Please support us in this by allowing your child to come into class on their own. It can be very disruptive for them to have a parent coming into class at the beginning of the day, especially when their friends are getting themselves sorted on their own. We are more than happy to see parents after school, but settling and establishing a routine for your children is our priority first thing in the morning – thank you.

### WINTER WEATHER

Please remember to send your child into school with suitable layers to keep warm at playtime. Children's hands and heads can get very cold so please do ensure they have **NAMED** gloves, hats and scarves. (We don't hold any spares here at school and the children do go out in all weathers.)

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION

We head outside every Wednesday afternoon so please ensure that your child has waterproofs here at school on Monday – again NAMED please.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reading Cafes- OAK 23<sup>rd</sup> January PINE 1<sup>st</sup> February

Book Week – 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day – 7<sup>th</sup> March

Bedtime story event- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (6-7pm) Details to follow

If you have any questions then please do come and speak to us after school,  
Kindest regards,

Mrs Easter, Mrs Cooper and Miss Wooff