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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy and productive half term. The children have continued to work hard and achieve well. We have been particularly pleased with the children's engagement with Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars- regular use of these really does make a big difference, thank you for your encouragement and support with this.

We have also been working hard in school to promote and encourage our children to read as often as possible and we have been really pleased to see many children increase time spent reading at home. We read in school every day in a variety of ways from whole class teaching sessions, group sessions and within different areas of the curriculum. However individual 1 to 1 reading is something we would really appreciate support with. To this end, we are seeking any willing parents (or Grandparent) reading volunteers. If you think you could spare a little time, even if only half an hour, please contact your child's teacher, we would be extremely grateful, and the office can organise the DBS safeguarding checks.

With children at home next week and potentially spending time on devices and online, it would be pertinent timing to check the settings and sites our children are accessing. I have been made aware of recent incidences at other schools in the area where children have accessed adult chat rooms due to a lack of age verification checks on them, this leading to children receiving inappropriate messages and images. This has obviously been upsetting for the children and parents involved so please remain vigilant and make regular checks of your children's devices and activity history.

Just a few reminders before we break for half term...

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** is an INSET and so closed to pupils.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** is World Book Day- optional fancy dress and story breakfast

**Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March** is Science week. We will be taking part in an Equals Trust Scitech competition. As part of the competition, the children will be designing catapults within school to launch a red nose.

Of course, we will have our Easter Celebrations towards the end of the half term too, more details of which will be sent nearer the time.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break, and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February for well-being day. Please ensure children bring their PE kit into school.**

Warm regards,  
Mrs Cook  
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