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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our last term together! We hope you have all had a sunny half term break! The children have come back striving for **independence** as we head towards Year 1! A reminder that you can come in to the classroom to see your child's Learning Journey on a Tuesday after school and on a Friday from 8.30am.

Curriculum Information and Key Skills to Support at Home

Over the next term our topic is called '**Ahoy There!**' Please see the 'Topic Web' which gives more information about the content of this exciting topic.

Please continue to read at home with your child as regularly as possible. Help your child to become **curious** about books by asking them questions about the events and characters in the story. The children will be heard to read each week individually or in a group by either Mrs Ottaway or Mrs Nickalls to help them gain independent reading skills. Reading scheme books will be changed on a Monday and Friday.

A sheet will continue to be sent home weekly with lots of **creative** ideas on how to support your child further, linked to the week's learning. We love to share any learning your child engages with at home, so please send it in!

Requests and Reminders

Our **swimming session** is currently on a Thursday, but please ensure swimming kits are in school every day. Your child will also need their **PE kit** in school every day as we will take the opportunity to practise for our School Games Day as often as we can. Please check weekly that every item in your child's PE and swimming kit belongs to them. Thank you!

Alfriston School: Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Show and Tell

As part of the Early Years curriculum, children are encouraged to 'express themselves clearly, showing awareness of listeners' needs' and also to 'respond to what they hear with relevant questions.' Please continue to encourage your child to bring in an item that they can talk about at greater depth. Help them to prepare things they would like to say about it. Support them in being inquisitive about things they see and hear with you to encourage their questioning skills. Show and tell days are as follows:

Tuesday - **Cuckmere** (blue)

Wednesday - **Windover** (green)

Thursday - **Exceat** (red)

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to us - we will always make time to talk to you at a mutually convenient time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ottaway and Mrs Nickalls