**Kestrel Class Newsletter**

**Spring term 1**

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a peaceful and settled start to the new year although it seems like a long time ago. We’ve had a very busy and exciting start and I will be sending out the knowledge organiser for this half term shortly. Hopefully the children have already informed you that they are becoming scientists looking at and investigating plants and conditions for growth. We will also be setting up different investigations as the term goes on.

Reading at home

Some of the Early Years children have begun to bring a school reading book home as well as their library book. This means they have consolidated their set 1 phonic sounds and are able to use them to segment (pull the sounds apart e.g c-a-t) and blending them back together (putting the sounds back together to read the word fully e.g cat) Please continue to sign in the yellow reading record when you hear your child read.

I have also been assessing the Year 2 children and will be moving children onto the next school colour band of books within the next week. In their yellow reading record I will be putting some prompts that you may use to further support your children with their reading.

Everybody Read

Thank you to everyone who has been coming in on a Friday morning to help with reading, the children absolutely love it as do the adults involved judging from the smiles being shared. Kestrel class will continue to ‘host’ the reading sessions every Friday from 8.40-9.00 in class for any parents/grandparents that would like to come and share a book. This will start this Friday (18th January)

Names in belongings

Please can you make sure that all the children’s PE clothes, Bury Rangers kit and school uniform are clearly named as this makes it easier to return lost items to their owners.

Please continue to send your child with a coat as we know how unpredictable the weather can be.

Kestrels and I look forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

Mrs Seymour