I hope you had an enjoyable two week break with your children and they are rejuvenated for a busy 10 week term. Hopefully the weather warms up soon but I don’t like our chances looking at the forecast for the week.

**Parent Reading Helpers**

We would love more parent volunteers to read with children every morning of the week in the first hour. You don’t have to commit to a regular day (although that would be great) or for the full hour. Any time you can give would be very much appreciated. If you can help please come in and see me.

**Reading**

Our weekly reading focus for this week is checking for understanding. This involves children pausing after each page and checking they understand what happened in the page and if not re-reading. Children will also work on their individual reading goals.

Some foundation students will continue to revise letter sounds. The four letters we will look at this week are c, a, t and s.

**Writing**

This week we will be focussing on adding Voice into a writing during daily writing sessions. Children will be attempting to make the reader feel a particular way by using descriptive words, use their senses to help the reader to visualise and creating their own voice in texts.

**Spelling**

Grade 1 children will continue to receive their spelling words on Monday morning to learn throughout the week ready for the test on Friday. Please help them learn the weekly spelling pattern which might include writing their words into sentences, a story or a drawing a picture to match each word.

Some Foundation children will this week have spelling words for the first time. They will get a small number of words on a separate sheet of paper to learn throughout the week. We will also have a focus on these words at school but a little practice at home is encouraged. The first week they are learning the first 6 golden words. There are also 3 additional words (if you feel your child is up to them) which this which are ‘ad’ words. Spelling words should not be a stress especially for foundation students (and their parents) so if it is any issue please come and see me.

**Mathematics**

This week in maths we are exploring multiplication and skip counting. Please help you children to learn/master skip counting by 2’s then if able to 5’s, 10’s, 3’s and others that they choose. It is great for children to learn them in both written and verbal formats.

**3 Way Interviews**

This Tuesday and Wednesday are our 3 way interviews. If you haven’t already booked online you will need to do so. Please bring your child’s communication book in with you for the interview.