

Around the World

Dear Parents and Carers,

7th January 2019

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you a happy new year!

Our Topic this term

The first 3 weeks we will continue with our Fairy tales and Nursery Rhymes topic – exploring The 3 Little Pigs, Cinderella and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We will then move onto our new topic.

Our '**Around the World**' will begin on 28th January. All learning will be themed around a different country each week - Australia, China, India, Italy and some of the African countries.

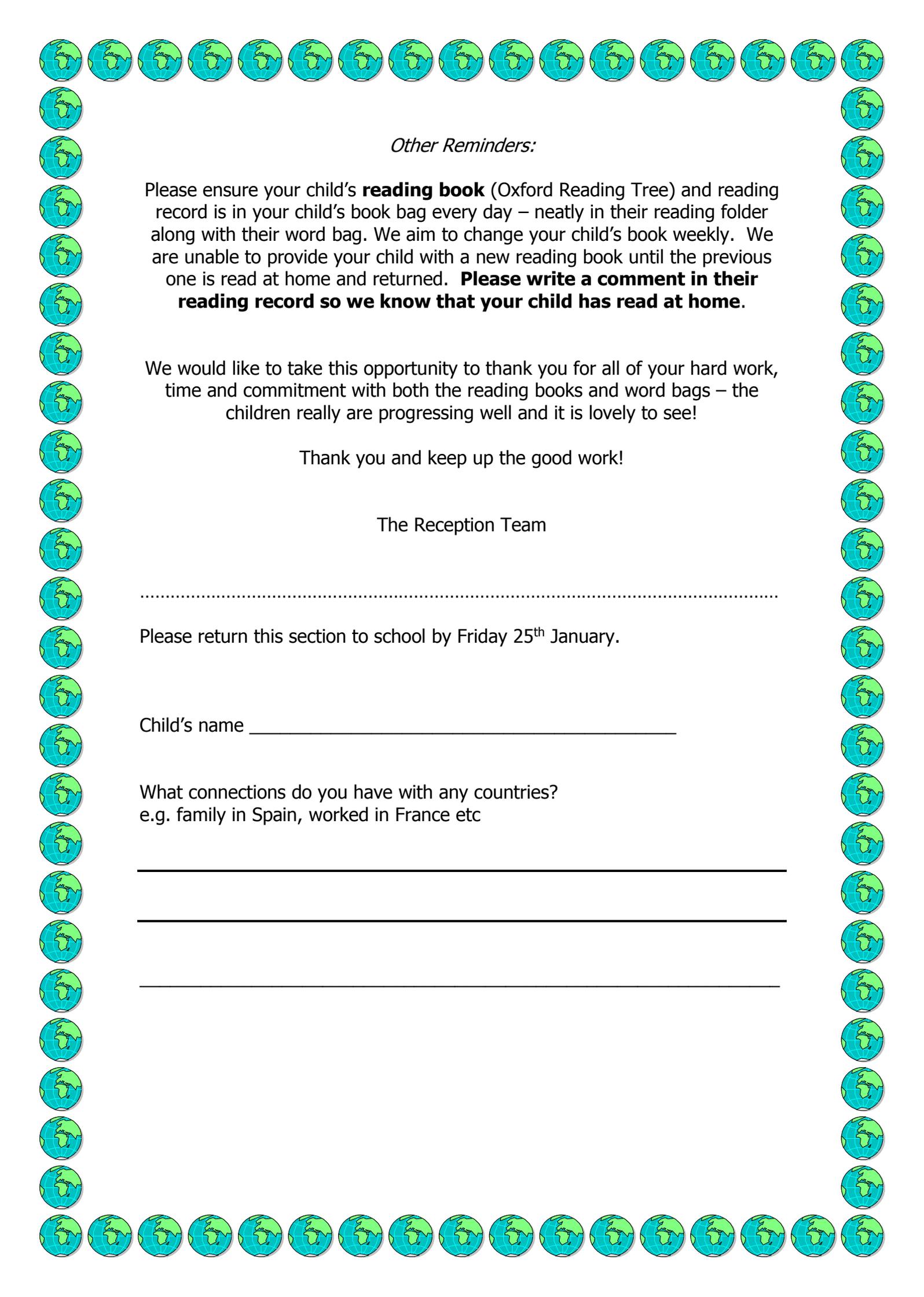
As part of this topic we are asking if your families have any connections with any countries from around the world (please send in any connections you may have on the attached form). We welcome any ideas or information that you may be able to provide to help with the teaching of these countries and other cultures. For example, Indian or Chinese objects, clothing, food items, photographs etc.

During this topic we do lots of food tasting such as tasting fruits, making pizzas and a vegetable stir fry. Please remind the class teacher of any foods your child is allergic to.

Through this topic we will explore some of the cultural differences in different countries. Our focus will be on our British values and traditions and we will compare these to how celebrations and daily routines differ around the world.

As part of our topic we will be going on an imaginary plane journey. Please send into school a small travel bag for your child on Monday 28th January. This could include;

**a special teddy
reading book
comic
blanket.**



Other Reminders:

Please ensure your child's **reading book** (Oxford Reading Tree) and reading record is in your child's book bag every day – neatly in their reading folder along with their word bag. We aim to change your child's book weekly. We are unable to provide your child with a new reading book until the previous one is read at home and returned. **Please write a comment in their reading record so we know that your child has read at home.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work, time and commitment with both the reading books and word bags – the children really are progressing well and it is lovely to see!

Thank you and keep up the good work!

The Reception Team

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Please return this section to school by Friday 25th January.

Child's name _____

What connections do you have with any countries?
e.g. family in Spain, worked in France etc
