



Friday 12th May 2017

Dear Parents,

With the onset of warmer weather we ask that you provide a sun hat for your child to keep in school and remember that children should come to school with covered shoulders. On Sunnier days we ask that you apply sunscreen in the morning before school. Children should have a rainproof coat and a sun hat in school.

Area	What we have learnt and ideas to support at home
Topic	We have been learning about how we can look after the garden. We have thought carefully about what a garden needs and discussed changes we can make to our garden. We have set up a class wormery and are looking forward to observing our worms. Perhaps you could look at your own garden or local park and see if any changes could be made, or even dig up some worms for a wormery! Next week we are looking at minibeasts so if you find any whilst exploring outside encourage your child to write a list and bring it in to school so we can make a 'Minibeasts in our Garden' tally chart!
Phonics	We have continued with Phase 4 of letters and sounds. This week we have been learning to read and write two-syllable words (e.g. sandpit, desktop, twisting) and have learnt the new tricky words: do, when, out, what. Please practice these with your child at home.
Literacy	We have looked at how to write instructions and the importance of making sure they are in the correct order. We started off writing whole class instructions on how to make a jam sandwich and then we thought of our own ideas for instructions – how to look after a pet, how to change a babies nappy, how to make a peanut butter sandwich...If you are cooking or baking then look at the recipe together and talk about the instructions or play a board game – remember to read the instructions first!
Maths	We have been learning to 'skip count' for example in 2's, 5's and 10's. We have explored different objects that we can count in pairs (eyes, bike wheels, ears) and carried out a investigation to find out how many fingers there are in the class by counting in 5's. We have started to notice rules for when you count in 2's (always an even number) and 5's (always ends in 5 or 0). What can you find at home to count in 2's and 5's? How many wheels have you got? How many fingers or toes in your home?!

Show and Tell

Show and Tell next week will be the **Stick Man** group. The object will need to be something linked to our topic "Protectors of the Planet" where we are learning about different ways of looking after our garden, community, greater environment and the Earth.

Mystery Reader

We are really enjoying have a mystery reader each week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to sign up for next term.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Ward, Ms Del Corso and Mrs Kamanyire

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