



Friday 24th February 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a great half term break.

Don't forget to sign up for a "Mystery Reader" Thursday slot if you haven't done so already.

We are looking forward to planting our beans next week and growing our very own beanstalks. Please can you bring in empty yoghurt pots for us to turn into...plant pots! The more the merrier.

Throughout the week we will be celebrating books with World Book Week. On Thursday the whole school is invited to dress up as a favourite character. **In Early Years we will be dressing up as characters from traditional tales.** We are looking forward to seeing little pigs, bears, giants and gingerbread men to name a few!

Area	What we have learnt	Ideas to support at home
Topic	We have been looking at changes over time in Understanding the World and have used our decay station to monitor changes to objects that occur. We have also been investigating the effect of oil, vinegar and fizzy pop on gingerbread men.	
Phonics	This week we learnt the phoneme sounds: ur as in purse ; oi as in soil ; ow and down ; and ear as in hear and the tricky word they .	Please encourage your child to spot the digraphs in words, before segmenting. You can use the letter tiles to create words.
Literacy	We have been learning to retell the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have used repeated phrases and actions to help tell the story.	Make gingerbread men, retelling the story as you make, bake and eat them! Enjoy a traditional tale together and talk about what happens in it.
Maths	We have been recognising and ordering numbers 1-20. We have practised counting up to larger numbers (1-100) and different ways of counting – 2's, 5's and 10's.	Find pairs of objects and practise counting in 2's. This could be a great way to get some help with sorting the socks in the washing! Look for larger numbers in the environment – house numbers, bus numbers.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell after half term will be the **Stick Men** group. The object will need to be something linked to our new topic "Once Upon a Time" where we learn some traditional tales (Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk, Three Little Pigs etc.) and begin to write our own stories.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Ward, Ms Del Corso and Mrs Kamanyire

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