



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents,

### **Mystery Readers**

Thank you so much to all of the Mystery Readers we've met this half term. It has been lovely to see the children so animated by your story telling skills. If you would like to volunteer your time to be a Mystery Reader next half term please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Museum of Technology**

Over half term we are transforming our role play areas into a Museum of Technology ready for our next topic. If you have any artefacts you would like showcased in our museum please bring them into school the first week back (artefacts might include telephones, lanterns, computers as well as items from before the introduction of electricity such as irons).

### **Plastic Bottles and Junk Modelling**

Please save plastic bottles for after half term as we will be writing and sending messages in bottles. We would also like to make pirate boats so cardboard boxes, large and small will also be happily received!

<b>Area</b>	<b>What we have learnt and ideas to support at home</b>
<b>Topic</b>	We have welcomed two Giant African Land Snails to our classes this week – Tom and Shelley. We have made close observations of them. It has been really interesting watching them move and eat! We are excited about welcoming caterpillars next term!
<b>Phonics</b>	We have begun assessing the children's phonics skills. This week we have assessed the children's ability to identify the digraphs and trigraphs within words and their understanding of what they have read.
<b>Literacy</b>	We have been reviewing our favourite stories. We have talked about their beginning, middle and ends. For each review we have talked about what we have liked, not liked, anything that puzzled us and any links we identified with other stories.
<b>Maths</b>	This week in Maths we have learnt that halving is the opposite of doubling. We have learnt that halving is "sharing fairly between two". We have used different strategies to help us, including reversing our doubling facts, and using counting objects and saying "one for me, one for you etc." Unlike doubling we learnt that you can only halve even numbers.

### **Show and Tell**

Show and Tell after half term will be the **Rainbow Fish** group. Our new topic is called Adventures on the High Seas and we start by learning about the past. Please spend some time talking with your child about what they are bringing in and helping them make links to our topic.

Have a great half term break!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Ward, Ms Del Corso and Mrs Kamanyire