



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Learning for the week beginning Monday 6th February

- We continue working in different groups for our phonics lessons and this is what we shall be learning this coming week:
 - Mrs Clarke's group will be learning two new sounds: 'or' shut the door and 'air' that's not fair.
 - Mrs Damacus's group will be revising sounds 'ay' may I play, 'ee' what can you see? and 'igh' fly high
 - Ms White's group have started learning the set 2 sounds. they will be learning the new sound 'igh' fly high.
 - Miss King's group will be revising some of the set 1 sounds from last term and tricky words.

Kind reminder: Phonics sessions start at 9am sharp so please make sure your child is here on time, otherwise they are missing out on important learning time.

Our new topic for the half term is 'Growing'. We will be learning about the life cycles of some plants and animals.

- We will be learning about the life cycle of a plant first, starting with a seed.
- In maths we will be starting to teach the concept of subtraction.
- In RE we will continue our 'Gathering' topic. We will reflect on belonging to our families, our group of friends, our school etc.
- Our story of the week is 'Seed to Plant'.
- Our word of the week is 'growing'.

Thank you so much for the items that you have sent in for our bug hotel. If you are going to the park over the half term break we would be grateful if you could collect some more things to add to it. Useful items are listed below, but other ideas of things to add will also be appreciated:



- Twigs, hollow stems, pine cones and bits of bark;
- Straw, dry grass, sand;
- Old logs, strips of wood;
- Old terracotta pots;
- Old roofing tiles;
- Bricks, preferably those with holes through them;
- Hollow bamboo canes;
- Whatever natural materials you can find.

We would also like to start a log pile so if you have any larger branches or logs that you could let us have that would be brilliant.

We wish you a happy and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20th February.

Best wishes,
Mrs Clarke and Mrs Damacus.