



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Exciting news: We have started setting up a bug hotel area outside and the children are looking forward to seeing some 'guests' visiting soon. We would be very grateful for any bits and pieces you could bring in to support us with this project. 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.

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: 'oo' look at a book and 'ar' star the car
 - Mrs Damacus's group will be learning the new sound 'igh' fly high, and revising sounds 'ay' may I play and 'ee' what can you see?
 - Ms White's and Miss King's groups will be revising some of the set 1 sounds from last term and tricky words.

We will add new QR codes to your child's reading record books as they are taught new sounds. Please keep using the QR codes that you already have to practise hearing, saying and writing the set 1 sounds.

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.

- We will continue learning about Vincent van Gogh and some of his well-known paintings. Our sunflower paintings that we completed this week look amazing and next week, we will move on to writing about 'The Starry Night'.
- In maths we will be focussing on odd and even numbers to secure a deep understanding of their composition.

- 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 'Katie and the Starry Night'.
- Our word of the week is 'dreaming'.

PE

Thank you for sending your child to school in their PE kit on Friday mornings. Getting the children changed once has been more efficient so far. We still have a few children come to school in incorrect kit. Please ensure that you read the uniform policy to check that kit is correct for next Friday. If you have been sent a specific uniform letter please make sure that you send the reply slip back to acknowledge its receipt. Thank you.

Below are some reminders that were in last week's letter, but are still relevant.

1. **PLEASE** name every single bit of PE kit so we can return wandering items to the correct child.
2. Please send in shorts as well as track suits. When we do PE indoors we expect the children to have shorts and t-shirts.
3. Please help your child to practice taking off and putting on their own clothes. We will help children take off/ put on tricky items, turn things round the right way and do up buttons etc. However, we do need the children to become a bit more independent with changing in order to speed up the process!
4. We are running low on tissues and quite a few children have runny noses this time of year, so we would really appreciate any boxes of tissues brought in.

Best wishes,
Mrs Clarke and Mrs Damacus.