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Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2

Wow! What a brilliant start to the year so far where we have settled back into school, we kickstarted our learning and had lots of fun along the way. Throughout Term 1, we have settled into Reception and learned about how we are each unique. We have developed new friendships and enjoyed rehearsing and extending our core skills in different areas of provision. Next term, we will launch our new Area of Study, 'Into the Woods' where throughout the course of the term, we will look at months and seasons, signs of Autumn, animals and their habitats and some special events that take place during Autumn including Halloween, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We will be visiting Budshead Woods and using our knowledge to answer our enquiry question: **What is special about the changes that happen in Autumn?**



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



In **Read Write Inc**, the children will learn new sounds and tricky words on a daily basis. Many children will now be sent home with fun, decodable stories where they can continue to learn to blend sounds together to read words.

In **Literacy**, the children will continue to engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. They will begin to use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing and will continue to practise writing some or all of their name. Our focus texts next term are **Little Red Riding Hood, We're Going On A Bear Hunt** and **One Snowy Night**.

In **Maths**, the children will continue to explore numbers up to 10, including one more and one less. The children will be applying their understanding by comparing actual

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numbers and explaining which is more. The children will continue to recognise, write and order numbers as well as practise their subitising skills.

Learning at Home



In Reception, the Home Learning expectations include **reading at least five times a week**. Books will link directly to the sounds and tricky words that the children have learned in their Read Write Inc sessions that week. Please ensure that you are logging your child's reading on **Boom Reader** daily to be checked by a member of staff so that they can be praised and rewarded for their reading efforts at home. Children will be expected to practise their handwriting and letter formation each week. Please continue to remind your child that we write in a left to right direction, just like reading and address any incorrect letter formation. Our weekly newsletter will highlight new and exciting activities that you can try to practise letter formation at home. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu** which will be uploaded to Tapestry.

PE this term will be on a **Thursday** for **RAF, RLR and RMR**. We would like to remind you to bring your child dressed in their PE kit every Thursday morning. They will therefore stay in their PE kits throughout the school day.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on site on Monday 6th November.

Best wishes,
Mr. A. Ferry, Miss. L. Rockey and Miss. M. Rattle

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