

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your children enjoyed a nice, sunny half term! We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term and we would like to remind you about weekly parent drop in - '**Welcome Wednesdays**.' Each Wednesday morning you will be able to stay with your child and explore the provision for 10 minutes. We can't wait to see you every Wednesday morning! Remember, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please come in and speak to the teacher.

Thank you, Year R Team

Spring 2 in Year R				
Our topic is: How does your garden grow?				
Literacy	Maths	Phonics	Topic	PE
<p>We are continuing to give meaning to our marks and use sound mats to help us spell words.</p> <p>For our project, Growing, we will be practising orally retelling stories like 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Little Red Hen'.</p> <p>We will write stories and lots of instructions. There might even be some instructions coming your way at home grown ups!</p>	<p>We will continue our understanding of numbers; comparing and composing numbers 0-20.</p> <p>We will also be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3D shapes - Patterns - Spatial awareness <p>It would be great if you could continue this at home.</p>	<p>We are continuing Floppy's Phonics! The children have started Level 3 which they are very pleased about.</p> <p>Please continue reading with your children at home. It's really important for them to practise reading with the phonics books we send home.</p> <p>Please look out for the extra support sheets for blending - your children are much more confident doing these now.</p>	<p>Our main project this term is going to be Growing so we will be attempting to make areas of our garden much greener!</p> <p>We're looking to make a sensory herb garden by the mud kitchen and a wild flower garden on the middle patch of grass - please keep off the grass! 😊</p> <p>We will also be celebrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pancake day (yummy!) - World Book Day - Mother's Day 	<p>We are exploring different movements in PE. Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays so we need to remember our PE kits!</p> <p>It's really useful to keep our PE kits on our pegs for the half term so we always have them when we need them.</p>

How can I help my child at home?

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

BugClub

Phonics Play

www.topmarks.co.uk

We will also send out more websites linked to our learning in our weekly round up letter!

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home.

It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy, enthusiastic readers and develop a lifelong love of books!

Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it. We'd love to see any homework that your child does so please bring it in to show us and pop onto the **Proud Cloud!**

Year R have PE on a **Monday and Wednesday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit in and leave it on their peg because we will have two PE sessions per week. PE kit is yellow t-shirt, jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.