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Making Shining Stars.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term's theme is 'The Great Outdoors'. As always, we will be following the children's interests to help guide our learning. Many of our class are interested in space so we have adapted our main English text to incorporate this. We will be using the text 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram as well other non-fiction resources to check and expand our knowledge and understanding of space facts!

We will also be enjoying more time outside as the weather improves, noticing how our environment changes through the Spring into Summer. This will include planting and growing within our Mice Garden and within the school grounds, learning about life cycles and hopefully include a trip to a farm! (More information to follow)

In Maths, the children are developing an in-depth understanding of number. We will continue focussing on the 5 main principles of counting, and begin to apply that understanding within numbers to 20. Through continuous provision and teacher-led sessions the children will start to record their finding in more formal ways as well as learning correct number formation.

The children have all been working extremely hard consolidating their learning of the new Phase 3 sounds. Last term they were practising reading longer words containing the sounds they had learnt. This term takes us to the next step of Phase 4. This phase focuses on blending consonant clusters. This means that there are no specific new digraphs or trigraphs being learnt but the children will be learning how to blend at speed consonant letter strings within words, beginning with CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, e.g. went, hand, help, followed by CCVCC words e.g. shelf, chimp, and then CCCVC words e.g. splat, scrub. We will also be increasing the number of 'tricky words' (those that cannot be sounded out using the usual phonics pattern) - please see attached a list of all tricky words the children should now know as well as a list of those being covered this term.

The children will continue to have opportunities to apply their phonic knowledge independently within continuous provision as well as have more focussed teacher-led sessions to support their use of it within their writing.

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Reading Practice groups will continue to take place 3 times a week, with the book coming home at the end of the week to practise further. Your children should be reasonably confident reading the book they bring home and as they read it over again at home will increase in fluency, ideally not needing to sound out the majority of words. Children will also continue to choose and bring home books to share with you. Whilst reading this book to your child encourage them to read words that they now know or segment and blend words containing phonemes (sounds) they are familiar with as well as talking about what is happening in the story, predicting what may happen or repeating phrases to practise expression.

In RE we will be learning more special stories from the Old and New Testaments.

Some information and reminders for the term ahead:

- Your child may bring in one piece of fruit or a small healthy snack to eat at morning break time alongside their free school milk. Milk is available to children until they turn 5, after this it can be paid for through the school office. At afternoon break time they may choose to have a piece of fruit provided by school. All children have a water bottle provided for them in class. If your child has a school dinner, water is provided for them at lunchtime. If your child brings a packed lunch please provide a drink for them in their lunchbox. Please share the school dinner menu with your children each day. There are some days where some children are not keen on what is offered but they may order a jacket potato as an alternative. This preference needs to be expressed when we do the dinner register in the morning as it is ordered separately.
- PE remains on a Monday morning at 9.30. Please ensure that your children come to school in their PE kit and bring their uniform and school shoes with them to change into afterwards. From now on PE kits will be kept in school throughout the week as we have a number of additional one-off sports sessions this term and next, including archery and mini-tennis.
- Forest School remains on a Thursday morning. Please ensure the children come to school with long sleeves and trousers even if the weather is warm. They need to wear their school shoes and will change into their wellies and waterproofs when we go to Forest School. Please put their uniform in a separate bag to change into after Forest School.

We will keep you posted via Dojo of other events or activities as we go through the term.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to come and talk to us at the end of the day, send a message via Class Dojo or email the office and they can pass it on.

Many thanks for your continued support.

With Best Wishes,
Mrs Burnie, Miss Eastwood and Mrs Hayes
Mice Class

Reception Tricky words

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Is	Go	Was	All	Said	Little
I	No	You	Are	So	Says
The	To	They	Sure	Have	There
Put	Into	My	Pure	Like	When
Pull	She	By		Some	What
Full	Push			Come	One
As	He			Love	Out
And	Of			Do	today
Has	We			Were	
His	Me			Here	
Her	be				

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