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Dear Family

Welcome back after the half-term break. It was lovely to hear all their news. The children settled back into the nursery routine very quickly.



RE: This week we have spoken about the season of Lent and introduced our Lenten Tree. We have asked them to help you at home and have suggested that they might dress themselves, lay the table for dinner or even make their bed in the morning!!!! If they do something helpful, please let us know and we can give them a leaf or blossom to put on our Lenten Tree. We have put one in your child's book bag for you to fill in and we have some spare blank leaves on the table in the Nursery entrance for you to fill in as well. Thank you to those Parents who have already sent some in..



Space and Aliens: This week we have started our topic on space and aliens. The children have really enjoyed our space centre role play area. They have 'flown' all through space!!!! We are also watching Barnaby Bear's adventures in space. He left on Tuesday and he has been sending me pictures which I share each day with them. We were even able to 'contact' Barnaby Bear in his rocket and saw him meet an alien!!!! We hope they enjoyed their chocolate biscuit which they made this week. Thank you for bringing in books and objects to share with the children.



Literacy: This week we played the game 'What's in the Box' again and we were listening for the initial sound of an object, for example the 'r' in rocket, 'm' in moon. Please try to play games like this at home, the children enjoy playing it at school.



World Book Day: Next Thursday we will be celebrating 'World Book Day'. Every child is invited to dress up as their favourite storybook character. We have chosen to read the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and provide various activities relating to it. This story coincides with our topic of 'Space and Aliens'. The Nursery staff are dressing up as 'Aliens in Underpants' and it would be lovely if your child could do so too. They only need trousers and t-shirts and silly pants on top!! Otherwise your child can choose to dress as their favourite storybook character.

Maths: We have been singing lots of number songs related to our space topic this week. We have also been counting down from 20 – 0, ending in 'Blast Off!!!'



Physical: This week we have introduced 'dough disco' with the children. Each child has their own pot of playdough and they are encouraged to 'pinch', 'prod', 'splat', 'roll' and 'squeeze'. These actions all strengthen their fine motor skills.



Birthdays: Yusuf celebrated his 4th birthday this week. Congratulations to him.



Lanterns of the week: This week's 'Lantern of the Week' in our morning session are Abbie and Joel. 'Lantern of the Week' in our afternoon session are Rose and Ryan. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



Library Books: Please remember to return your child's school library book in their book bag on Thursday. Thank you.



Show and Tell: Some children like to bring toys from home to show us. As we don't want them to get forgotten, lost or broken we have now introduced a 'Show and Tell' time. If your child would like to bring in a toy on a Thursday to show to the children and talk about it, please can you ensure their name is on it and we shall have a box for them to put it in. This activity can improve your child's confidence and speaking skills. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in toys on the other days. Thank you.



Half-Term: We have put a sheet of paper in your child's bag asking what your child did during the holiday. We would appreciate it if you could fill it in and then your child can share their news with us in carpet time next week. Thank you to those Parents who have already returned them.

Reminders:

Please remember the morning Nursery session is from 9am -12.00am and the afternoon session is from 12.30pm -3.30pm. For safety reasons please be prompt. Thank you.



Clothes: Please can you put your child's name in their coats, hats, scarves, wellies and gloves. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear inside. **Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.**



Fronter: Your child's login details for Fronter is in the back of their yellow library record book. So please log in each week to see some photos of your child's week. If you are having problems please let us know.



Bug Club: This is an on-line reading club where your children are able to access books for you to read to your children. Your login details for Bug Club is in the back of their yellow library record book. If you are having problems please let us know.

Some dates for your diary:

Thursday 1st March- World Book Day

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Spinks and Mrs Sleight.