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Dear EYFS Parents/Carers,

Happy Half term! We have absolutely loved this first half term getting to know all of the children here in Horse Guards and Birdcage class. We are so pleased with how well everyone has been settling in and cannot wait to welcome them all back in to school in a weeks' time.

Mrs Bicar and I just wanted to give you a little overview of the past half term, what to expect next term and our Book Packs which the children have now been coming home with for the last couple of weeks.

Our Curriculum

This half term our topic has been '**Who Am I?**' We have all really loved learning all about our bodies, celebrating our similarities and differences and looking at the uniqueness of nature and ourselves. This is a topic which threads throughout our school at the beginning of every year and one which our children have thoroughly enjoyed.

In English we have looked at the key texts:

I Like Myself

I am Rose (poem)

I Am Enough

and our Favourite Five books for the term have been:

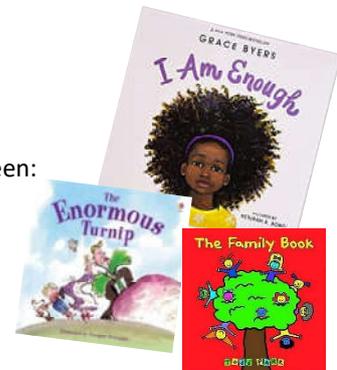
Room on the Broom

The Enormous Turnip

Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?

'Owl Babies

The Family Book



In Maths this term we have been looking at numbers. We have been looking, not only at counting, but also at what the number really is, how it can be represented, how it can be made, written, built and learning to explain this to our peers. This is part of the mastery which will set all of the children in great stead for their future, a solid foundation is key. We have been using our Numicon to support with this and the children have all loved learning the number songs which can be found on the below should you wish to continue this with your child at home. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/36303.html>

Next term our topic is going to be '**How can we be kind?**'. Our core text will be '**The Bog Baby**' which we are all very excited about. This is one of our favourite books in Early Years and we will be linking it in with our Forest School learning as well. Should you wish to see our Curriculum Map, it can be found on our school website, along with our timetables. These are always subject to change as we will always adjust our planning to the needs and interests of the children, but should provide a general overview of our learning intentions for the year.

Our Reading Spine books for the next term are:

Shark in the Park

Dear Zoo

Peace at Last

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Wriggle and Roar

Supertato

Layla's Happiness





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You will have noticed that your child has been coming home with their plastic zipped reading bag. Each child has a reading book and a reading record booklet in this bag. This pack should come to school, and go home again every day. Each day the reading record is checked by the class teacher and celebrated with your child.

Home Learning Slip

Every Friday we have and will continue to send our Home Learning Slip. In this you will find a little run through of our learning over the week and the week to come. You might also have an activity attached that you could have a go at with your child. This is not homework, but a suggested activity you may choose, or not, to engage with at home. This will usually be linked to prior learning unless stated in the Home Learning Slip itself. Should you ever not have received this, or it has been lost, please let us know, we can very easily send another home with your child.

Please do keep an eye out for the Weekly Newsletter which is sent out from the office as this will give you an overview of what has been happening in the whole school that week and identify key dates for the diary. We are looking forward to announcing the date for our EYFS Nativity very shortly and hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend.

Reading books and Reading Record

Learning to read is a complicated process and all children learn at different rates. Little and often is the key! We will be sending home a picture book every Friday with your child which can be enjoyed over the following week and changed the following Friday. From next term, if your child is in Reception, they will also be coming home with a Phonics book directly linked to their current learning. A letter regarding this will be coming out from our Phonics Lead shortly. It is important that your child **re-reads the same book** several times to develop their confidence and fluency.

The reading record is an important way to monitor your child's reading progress at home. In it you can write comments about your child's reading; their enjoyment, any words or sounds they struggled with and any words or sounds they have mastered. Please ensure that the reading book and reading record book are kept in the plastic reading bag and come to school every day.

Lunch Menu

Our lunch menu for the next term can be found on our school website. Should you ever have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact our school office and they will be very happy to help you.

Uniform

Just a small reminder about uniform. Please do make sure that every item of clothing coming to school is labelled, please could I also ask that this includes shoes and wellies if appropriate as we are all very aware of the missing jumper mystery. With regards to the daily uniform however, we recommend that the children are wearing their tracksuit bottoms now that the weather is really turning and the polo top Monday-Thursday with the PE t-shirt on Friday's.

If you need any help or advice, please feel free to ask any Early Years staff member.

We all hope you have a lovely half term and can't wait to see you back on Monday 1st November. Happy home reading and learning!

Miss Hind
EYFS Lead

