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Dear EYFS Parents/Carers,

Happy Christmas! What a wonderful half term it has been in Early Years this term. With the nativity, visiting Father Christmas at Belgrave Square Gardens, Christmas Jumper Day and other fun bits and pieces

Mrs Bicar and I just wanted to give you a little overview of the past half term and an overview of what to expect next term.

Our Curriculum

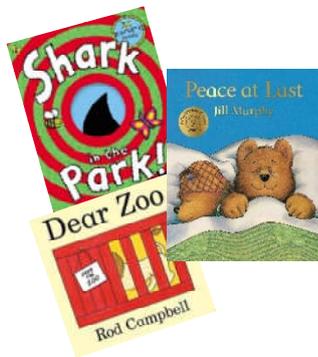
This half term our topic has been '**How Can We Be Kind?**' We have all really loved learning all about our bodies, celebrating our similarities and differences and looking at the uniqueness of nature and ourselves. This is a topic which threads throughout our school at the beginning of every year and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

In English we have looked at the key texts:

The Bog Baby
Jesus' Christmas Party

and our Favourite Five books for the term have been:

Shark in the Park
Dear Zoo
Peace at Last
We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Wriggle and Roar
Supertato



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. 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 '**Are there toys in Space?**'. Our core texts will be '**The girl who could dance in space**' and '**Toys in Space**', which we are all very excited about. We would really like to invite everyone to bring a toy from home in to school on the first day back so we can have a little bit of fun introducing our new topic. 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:

Where's Spot
Come on, Daisy
There's a Monster in my book!
Gruffalo
Hairy Maclary
Whatever Next
Astro Girl





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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.

Reading books and Reading Record

A small reminder about Reading Packs. Your child will have their books changed twice a week and this will be on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**. Please do make sure that they return **all** books that come home to school the following book changing day so that we can reallocate the book for another child.

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 Monday and Thursday.

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.

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

We all hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday and can't wait to see you back on Tuesday 4th January. Happy home reading and learning!

Miss Hind
EYFS Lead

