



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

February 2016

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parent's progress meetings. We hope you enjoyed talking about the progress your child has made during the academic year so far. If you did not attend the meetings your child's targets will be sent home within the communication book shortly if they have not already been sent.

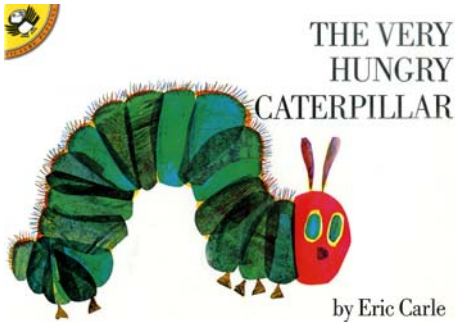
### Bug Club



Over the coming weeks the children will be receiving usernames and passwords for Bug Club. This is our new online reading scheme which will support the children by providing them with a range of suitable books specific to their reading age and needs. Bugs will be in the books, which ask the children questions which enable them to

demonstrate their understanding of the text. Please encourage the children to read the books more than once in order to develop fluency and recognition of sight words. The children will need to use their phonics to chop up words when reading. Please encourage them to do this when reading.

### English



**In English**, we will be completing our work on 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and then we will be reading and writing about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

All lessons will continue to provide opportunities for the children to apply their phonic knowledge. We will be focusing on identifying the main characters within the story and labelling them. The children will be writing lists of what the character has eaten. They will continue to focus on the structure of stories and sequencing.

Developing their skills from term 1 they will be changing parts of the story to their own version. The children will be keeping a food diary of what they eat during the week and using this to write a recount. When talking to your child encourage them to use sentence openers such as: On Monday I ate... At the weekend...

### Maths

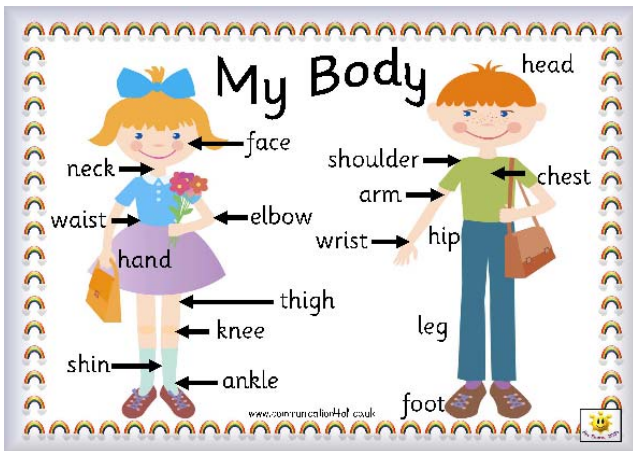
**In Maths this month**, we will be focusing on measurement, multiplication, division and number.

In measurement the children will be studying weight. They will be comparing objects of different weight and putting them in order using the language heaviest, lightest, heavier, lighter. In addition to this the children will be learning about estimating and estimating how heavy an object is. Please use practical objects around the house to reinforce the language and objectives with the children.

In multiplication the children will continue to develop their fluency of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Please continue to practise this with the children at home both forwards and backwards for further challenge. Doubling and halving will also be developed during this unit.

Number and place value understanding will continue to be developed looking at giving a number between 2 other given numbers and also comparing numbers using more than and less than.

## Science



At the beginning of February we will continue to consolidate learning on animals. After this the children will be learning about the basic parts of the human body. They will be identifying and labelling different parts of the human body. The children will then develop their understanding by linking this thinking to the different senses and the appropriate body parts which are linked to each sense. Please discuss basic parts of the human body with your children to help them identify key parts. You could also discuss the use of their senses in different places. What can you see? Hear? Smell? Etc.

## Topic

This month the children will be continuing their study of different geographical features. They will be focusing on beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain and also sea, ocean and river. The children will be focusing on identifying the different features and comparing the similarities and differences. Later in the month the children will be focusing on mapping skills. Children need to be able to name the continents over the course of KG2 and Grade 1. They will be beginning to focus on this during the month.



**Websites** - Below are some useful websites which you can use at home. There are lots of games which you could play together with your child, to consolidate our Maths and English learning.

### Phonics/ English

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/phonics/play/>

### Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/place-value-odd-and-even>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/numberFacts.htm>

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Many thanks for your support. The KG2 team.