**April 2018** 

Dear Parents and Guardians,

#### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Spring break with your families. It is so lovely to see the children refreshed and ready to learn. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. We are in our final term now and the children will be learning to work more independently. If your child has continuous absences or is late every day, this will affect their progress. We are excited for an engaging and creative term of learning.

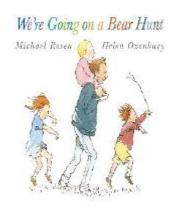
### **Stationery**

As we are in our final term, stationery is running low in most classes. Please can you ensure you have sent in a new set of white board pens and a pack of pencils ready for the upcoming Summer term.

# **English**

This month, we will be introducing the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. This is a lovely story about a family who go on an adventure to find a bear! The family go through a number of different environments using positional language to find the bear in a cave. The story has lots of repeated language and rhyme patterns to help the children retell the story.

The children will be learning the story through actions and drama and will begin to create a story map to retell the story. They will then write their own story using the characters. This term, we expect the children to be able to form sentences independently. We encourage adventurous vocabulary, a variety of punctuation and use of connectives (and, but, so, because, first, then, next).



#### <u>Maths</u>

In Maths, we are recapping our learning on Place Value. The children have been learning to read and write numbers to 100 and we have been practising this using a 100 square to support. The children will become more confident in splitting numbers into the hundreds, tens and ones grid and showing numbers using ten towers and one cubes. Please practise reading and writing 2 digit numbers up to 100 at home with your child. You can ask your child; 'How many tens does this number have?' 'How many ones does this number have?'

Later, we will begin our Multiplication unit by learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children will learn the pattern of counting by these groups and begin to count forwards and backwards. We will learn through songs and rhymes to ensure that it is memorable for the children. This is something you can reinforce at home. Multiplication skills are very important and are taught in all grades.



#### **Science**

During this month, we are continuing our materials topic. We will be exploring different materials and thinking about their use. This term we will test a number of different materials to find out what they are used for. We will be looking at materials that are strong, absorbent, waterproof, warm and cool. We will spend time testing and sorting the materials before choosing the best materials for different uses.



### **Topic**

This term, we are introducing our DT unit, Food and Nutrition. The children will have the chance to follow instructions and gather ingredients to cook a specific dish. Your homeroom teacher will send you a list of the ingredients your child will need to bring to school each week to join in with our cooking classes. It is important that you share with your teacher any allergies your child may have or any objections you may have to your child tasting and handling different foods.



#### **Bug Club**

https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk (user name and password required from homeroom teacher – Bug Club)

Please actively use this website to listen to your child read every day. Please encourage them to answer the questions by clicking on the bug within the text. It is proven that reading every day is the best way to accelerate a child's rate of progress across the curriculum. Please contact your homeroom teacher if you need any further information or support.



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

## **Phonics/ English**

https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk (user name and password required from homeroom teacher – Bug Club)

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

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

http://www.abcya.com

http://www.busythings.co.uk



#### **Maths**

http://www.abcya.com/number\_bubble\_skip\_counting.htm

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/BalloonPopSkip.htm

http://www.ictgames.com/fishy2s.html

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Many thanks for your continued support.

The KG2 team.