



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you all had a lovely and restful half term.

This half term our topic is '**Let's Explore**'. The children will be following Paddington Bear's journey from Peru to London and learning about how the two places compare. We'll be looking at things like weather, climate and different geographical features, as well as learning more about the UK, including its countries, capital cities and both natural and man-made features. As always, our topic will link into lots of different areas of learning.

English

Developing the children's reading and writing skills continues to be a big focus.

- **Phonics** – The children will continue with the Read, Write, Inc programme. They have all been reassessed and should bring home their new reading book this week. They take part in daily phonics sessions and will keep practising their sounds, red and green words, and (in some groups) spelling rules.
- **Spellings** – Children will continue to have access to Spelling Shed to practise our weekly spellings. They will then have a gentle spelling check the following Thursday. Thank you for supporting your child with these at home.
- **Handwriting** – We will continue to practise handwriting as a weekly session, as well as encouraging best handwriting in all of our writing.
- **Reading** – Reading at home makes a huge difference to children's progress, so thank you for your continued support. Short, regular reads are best. We are also working on reading smoothly and with confidence. If any parents are able to volunteer to come in and hear readers, we would be very grateful.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value within 50. Later in the half term, we will move on to learning about measurement, including length, height, mass and volume.



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Useful websites for practising at home:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>

PE

PE will continue to take place on **Mondays and Thursdays**. This half term we will be developing running and jumping skills through fun activities, and exploring attacking and defending through netball-style games.

Forest School

Forest School will continue every **Wednesday afternoon**. Even though the weather is starting to feel a little milder, it can still be very changeable, so please make sure your child comes in with warm layers and waterproof clothing each week. We aim to go outside in most weather (as long as it's safe), so suitable clothing is really important.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Mr Lisseman-Burke



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