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Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had great break – we have a very busy half term ahead with lots of learning and fun!

Maths:

We will be continue learning about number in nursery as well as thinking about patterns puzzles and sorting objects! In reception we will be doing lots of work on how odds and even numbers as well as lots more subitising and comparing numbers. In year 1 we will be working on place value to 50! We will be getting to grips with tens and ones, as well as continuing to strengthening our addition and subtraction within 20.

English:

Nursery will continue with singing and playing lots of phonics games! In English we will be continuing to learn our Set 1 sounds and in RWI in reception and we will be blending these sounds (putting them together to say and read words). We will be writing these sounds and use them in our mark making and some sentence writing. We will be reading Jack and the Beanstalk and lots of plant-based stories to marry up with our learning on plants! Year 1 will also be reading a story about a lonely Alien called Beegu This will help us to have lots to write about and our feelings for the character.

Topic :

Our theme for the half term is 'How does your garden grow?' So, lots of learning will be based around growing plants and how plants live and grow!

Our P.E Day will be **Thursday (afternoon)** but please keep a P.E kit in school all week in case we can add in any other opportunities. All children will need a P.E kit (T-shirt, shorts and pumps (no laces please)).

Outdoor learning in the forest will be on Friday afternoon for all EYFS and year 1 children that attend on a Friday afternoon.

Children need to have wellies in school that we can use (we do have some spare, but sizes are limited).

Sessions will take place in most weather – so on a Friday children can come to school in their 'get dirty clothes' - they need to be warm. We will obviously take into consideration weather and safety and if sessions need to be cancelled this will be done on a week-to-week basis- so please assume that unless stated Friday is Forest school day! **Please send spare clothes in case we need to get out of wet clothes!**

Snack – all nursery and reception children will have snack time. For £1 a week (payable on parent mail)

children will have milk, crackers, fruit, yoghurt, and various other snacks!

Year 1 children will have fruit provided.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Kirkbride and Willow Class team!