



Dear Woodlands Parents,



Our topic for term four is 'Glorious Growing!' In literacy, we will be exploring a range of books which cover growing in plants and animals! These will be books such as Jack and the Beanstalk, The Big Book of Bloom and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will be focusing on building our independence in writing full sentences and really focusing on improving our letter formation. We will continue working on our story retelling and imaginative skills to support our writing skills. We will be gaining a few very exciting visitors within our classroom and be spending a lot of time focusing on the life cycles of animals and plants. We will be observing nature and enjoying lots of time outdoors, using the changes we observe to support our learning.

Alongside this in Reception, we will be continuing building our number sense of numbers up to 20. We will be working on the composition of numbers beyond 10 and spending time building the foundations of addition and subtraction.

In phonics, we will be continuing to build our ability to read with automaticity. We will continue working on building our confidence with reading and gaining a love of reading. Additionally, we are working on securing our phonics knowledge to continue our development of writing. It is really important that your child is reading their phonics book at home a minimum of 3 times a week. If you have any questions, I will always be available for a chat at the end of the day! Please could I ask that any phonics books which may have been left at home for more than a week are returned, as we are missing a few copies.

<b>Reading</b>	We will be sending a phonics book home for you and your child to practice alongside a regular story book. Please read the phonics book with your child as frequently as possible. This should be a minimum of three times a week. It is also incredibly important to read regular story books to continue the development of a love of learning. The children may start to 'learn' the words to the story while they are reading their phonics book of the week. This is great as it means their reading can become more fluent with the recognition of words.
<b>Maths</b>	Our focus of the term is numbers beyond 10, addition and subtraction. Please try and include this in your everyday conversations to help your child develop their confidence. You could narrate what you're doing such as adding things when building with legos, working out cooking measurements or equally sharing items out. Encouraging your child to notice bigger numbers, addition and subtraction day to day will really help deepen their understanding and give them strong foundations for future maths.

Helpful reminders:

- Please make sure your child brings in their phonics book each monday to be swapped over for the week ahead.

Please ensure your child has a spare pair of clothes clearly labelled in their bags. They have free access to the outdoors and the mud kitchen so may get wed/muddy.

Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their bag each day.

- Please always bring a named coat particularly as the weather is unpredictable in the winter!

- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit and trainers.
- Should you have any queries about sessions (Rabbits), please email either [easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk) or [ehnursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk](mailto:ehnursery@pioneerfederation.co.uk).

### Forest School

Children will take part in one session per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters. For forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag:

- A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round)
- A pair of leggings or trousers
- A long sleeved top
- A jumper/ fleece
- A pair of socks
- A waterproof jacket/ coat
- Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them)
- Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months
- Hat and sun cream for summer months

### Home learning:

If you wish to support your child with their learning at home, here are a few useful links which may help.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> - Little Wandle phonics pronunciation. This will ensure you are teaching your children how to say their sounds the correct way. This is essential to ensure their learning goes as smoothly as possible!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?seriesId=b08bzfnh-structural-1-b08bzg8q> - Numberblocks videos. Series one and two of the number blocks will support your child with consolidation of the skills and lessons being taught in class. Please use these as a learning tool to base conversations with your child around to help deepen their understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Miss Thornton and Miss Curryer.