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Early Years Foundation Stage Topic Letter Class Hummingbird  
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring term at Danbury Park. We hope you have had a good Christmas and were able to spend some time with friends and family.

This term our topic is 'Day and Night' this will be a really interesting and exciting topic for the children. We start the topic by introducing seasons and the weather before focusing on nocturnal animals, then finishing off with a few space stories! We hope to have an in school visitor to link with our topic and details will be sent out as soon as we have confirmation.

**Curriculum Overview**

*Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)*

This term we will continue to support the children in building and strengthening their relationships and encourage them to resolve minor conflicts themselves through talking about their disagreements. We will help them to understand how their actions affect others and how to be sensitive towards their friend's feelings. We will be using the zones of regulation to help the children recognise and describe their feelings.

*Communication and Language*

As in the previous term, we will continue to read many stories to the children, encouraging them to discuss the story, make predictions and think about the characters and how they are or could be feeling. Let's present continues this term, helping the children to develop their confidence in speaking in front of an audience.

*Physical development*

This term we will be checking the children are holding their pencil correctly in the tripod grip that they have been shown and forming their letters correctly. We will continue to use scissors and paintbrushes regularly to improve their dexterity.



The children have made good progress with balancing, throwing and catching this term and we will continue to develop this as we use different equipment in our PE sessions.

### *Literacy*

Each week or fortnight we will be looking at a different book linked to our topic. The children will develop their writing skills through a range of tasks. They will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge to write CVC words and expected to spell the tricky words from phase 2 correctly in their work.

### *Maths*

We will continue to be working with numbers to 10 ensuring a deep understanding of these numbers and correct formation and representation. Alongside work on number, we will be investigating the mass, capacity, length and height of objects and will complete work on time. We will move on from naming 2d shapes to 3d shapes and use them to make patterns.

### *Understanding the world*

This term we will be looking at developing our computing skills. We will be carrying out experiments linking to the books we are reading. We will be looking at lifecycles and habitats of nocturnal animals. We will also be cooking and we have a date in the diary to visit the country park for our Easter Egg rolling activity,

### *Expressive arts and design*

Each week we will make and draw pictures linked to the week's book. We will use different media in our art work including oil pastels and charcoal. We will also experiment with different ways of joining materials e.g. glue, staples, sewing etc.

### **Routines**

Reading Books – Bug Club books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if they have been read and this is recorded in their reading diary. Picture books are given on a Friday to enjoy together over the weekend. We suggest that you spend one night reading their book and another on their phase sound and tricky word card as we understand not all children are willing to sit and complete both after a long day at school. Don't forget you can access more Bug Club books by logging into your child's online account.



Thank you for your support with reading regularly and working on your child's Phoneme card and number cards last term. As well as hearing your child read, please keep reading to your child – it is important that they can hear expression in your reading, which will help them as their reading develops. Listening to stories or information they may not be able to access by themselves is also beneficial to their learning development.

PE will continue to be on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. We encourage the children to get themselves ready for the lesson to develop their independence. Therefore, on these days if you could avoid clothing which your child finds tricky it will help. We do go outside in most weather conditions so please ensure your child has a tracksuit and trainers in their PE bag for this cold term. *Let's Present* will still be on a Wednesday afternoon, you should have received a letter with your child's allocated date.

Dates for your diary

Stay and play - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January with a focus on Maths.

Parent Consultations - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. More information will be sent nearer the time on booking your slot.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March we will be egg rolling at the country park 9-10.30. We will send more information on this closer to the date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Mrs Smith*

Mrs Smith  
Class Teacher

