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Pearl Class Topic Letter Spring 2 2019 The Bear Necessities

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely half term! Everyone has come back **curious** to learn and **determined** to do their best, which is wonderful! A reminder that you can come into the classroom to see your child's Learning Journey on a Tuesday after school and on a Friday from 8.30am.

Curriculum Information

Over the next term our topic is called 'The Bear Necessities!' Please see the attached 'Topic Web' sheet which gives more information about the content of this exciting topic. Please note that we will be inviting parents and grandparents into Pearl class to share their old toys towards the end of term. Please start to rummage in the attic for your old toys in preparation!

Key Skills to Support at Home

Please continue to read at home with your child as regularly as possible. The children will be heard to read each week by either Mrs Ottaway or Mrs Nickalls and reading scheme books will be changed on a Monday and Friday. A sheet will continue to be sent home weekly with lots of **creative** ideas on how to support your child further, linked to the week's learning.

Requests and Reminders

Our PE sessions are usually on a Monday and Friday but please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. Please check every item in your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name. This helps your child to **independently** manage their own kit!

If you are able to support us this term by hearing readers, please let me know. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Please continue to send in 'WOW' moments for your child. It is wonderful to hear how they apply their skills in the home environment. Some ideas of things you could share - independent writing, problem solving, putting on a show, sports achievements, showing safety awareness, thoughtful ideas about their community and environment, using ICT for a purpose. Thank you!

Show and Tell

As part of the Early Years curriculum, children are encouraged to 'express themselves clearly, showing awareness of listeners' needs' and also to 'respond to what they hear with relevant questions.' For show and tell this term, please continue to encourage your child to bring in an item that they can talk about at greater depth. Help them to prepare things they would like to say about it. Support them in being inquisitive about things they see and hear with you to encourage their questioning skills.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to us - we will always make time to talk to you at a mutually convenient time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ottaway and Mrs Nickalls

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