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Dear Parents and Carers

## **This half term our topic in Reception is 'Welly Boots or Sunhats'.**

For this topic we will be exploring different animals and sorting them into diurnal and nocturnal animals. Through Forest School and our Literacy we will also be focusing on Seasons looking for signs of winter and spring. This science focused topic will give the children a chance to explore new vocabulary, learn about the world around us and continue to apply skills they have learnt in other subjects with this.

**Literacy** – In phonics we will continue phase 3 which looks at digraphs/trigraphs and focus on phase 3 tricky words which are becoming more common in your child's reading books. This is to enhance their reading so that the children read with more fluency and begin to write sentences confidently. Ebooks will continue to be sent home for your child to read alongside their banded school books. Our literacy story focus will be the Percy Park Keeper stories thinking about how a story is structured, characters, settings and then writing our own story using the talk 4 writing model.

**Mathematics** – We will be exploring addition and number bonds this half term. By the end of reception children in the Early Years need to be able to recall number bonds to 5 independently so we will explore this through addition games, singing songs and math starter activities. We will also explore 3D shapes, their names and properties as well as creating patterns.

**PE** – We still have the same PE days, Monday indoor PE and Friday outdoor PE. Please come to school in uniform on a Monday with shorts & t-shirt in their PE bag. On Fridays your child can come to school in outdoor PE and forest school kit.

**Numbots maths game** – On Parents Evening we will be handing out a log in form for your child to use on a maths app called Numbots. This website has lots of fun and exciting games for your child to engage with to develop their early mathematical skills. Our focus throughout reception is on subitising, number bonds and addition and subtraction. Your child will continue to use NumBots throughout KS1 as well as Early Years.

## **Upcoming dates**

- Tuesday 7th March and Wednesday 8th March - Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 29th March, 9.00-10.15am – Early Years Cafe (Easter themed)

Thank you  
Early Years Staff

