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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all those parents who made an appointment to see their child's class teacher this week – it was lovely to catch up with you and we hope that you found it informative and useful. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's books and learning journeys too, with so many moments captured over the term so far.

Next term the children will be learning all about Space – if anyone has any interesting books or resources to share, please do encourage your child to bring them in to show their classmates (please ensure all items are named and are not too expensive or cherished.....just in case).

We will be trialling a new reading routine next half term, whereby your child will read with an adult each week, but the day on which they read may vary (rather than having a dedicated reading day, as per our current system). Hopefully this will allow quality reading and discussion time, as well as catching those readers who may have been absent at some point during the week. This also follows the routine which the rest of the school use. Please ensure that books and bookbags come in every day to ensure that they are equipped for the day ahead.

Another exciting opportunity that will be happening is the introduction of some more 'stay and play' style sessions, whereby the Tuesday morning when your child is not at the woods, you are welcomed to come in and spend some time in the classroom. Younger siblings are welcome along to these also and the focus will change each week – for example one week might involve maths-linked activities, whilst another might be about improving fine motor skills (crucial for early pencil development).

Cooking sessions remain a highlight of the children's learning – now that I am down the corridor in Hazel class, the smell of yummy things cooking is never far away and the pizzas I saw walking back to Ash and Oak looked delicious! The children develop their communication and co-operations skills during these sessions and some lovely observations of the talk amongst them can be seen in their learning journeys.

The children are progressing well with their phonics – those who are still working on recognising and blending single sounds will be doing lots of practical activities next half term to help consolidate these. Those children who are moving onto learning their digraphs (2 letters making one sound e.g. sh, ee, oa) and trigraphs (3 letters making one sound e.g. air, ear, igh) are going to be working with others at a similar level next half term in order to stretch and extend their skills.





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It has been lovely to see some new faces at the woods recently – don't forget you are welcome to come along any week – grandparents or other relatives are also welcome if you are unavailable.

Ash
21st February
7th, 21st March

Oak
28th February
14th, 28th March

Finally, a plea – if anyone has any HUGE boxes that we could use in our outdoor area after the break, please could you bring them in for us? Many thanks.

Enjoy a restful half term break,

Kind regards,

Anita Andrews
EYFS Leader

