

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you for your continued support as we begin Week 5! We're looking forward to another lovely week of learning, exploring and having fun together. We can't wait to see the children's creative home designs and hear all about what makes their homes special.

Next week,

Our theme will be **"Our Homes – Where We Live."** We will explore different types of homes and talk about where we live, who we live with and what makes each home special.

Literacy:

We will revisit the sounds **i** and **n** and recap the sounds we have already learnt through phonics games, songs and activities. We will also practise oral blending and enjoy stories about homes and families, encouraging the children to listen, join in and share their ideas.

Math:

We will continue practising counting to **20** through songs, movement and everyday play. We will also explore numbers **1–5**, practising counting, recognising numerals and exploring the concepts of more and fewer.

Understanding of the World:

We will explore **different types of homes**, where we live and how we travel to school. We will also look at old and new homes and have fun spotting the differences and similarities.

PSED:

Our word of the week is **"Curious"**. We will encourage the children to ask questions, explore their surroundings and show curiosity as they learn about different homes and their community.

Arts and Crafts:

The children will design and make their own homes using cardboard boxes and recycled materials. Please bring in a clean box or recycled materials for your child to use. We can't wait to see their creative ideas!

Snack:
Monday: apples and rice cakes.
Tuesday: toast

Wednesday: peppers and bananas
Thursday: pears and broccoli
Friday: raisins and apples

Notices:

- Please remember to bring in a **clean cardboard box** (approx the size of a cereal packet or shoebox) for our home-making activity. Your child can decorate it and turn it into their very own home!
- We will also be sending a **story book home from the Library with your child every Friday**. Please return the book by **Wednesday** so that your child can choose a new story to take home. We hope you enjoy sharing these special story times together!
- Please contact Clare Frost to make a parent teacher appointment for the week of 12th October, if you haven't already.
- We still have spaces to read a story to the children – Mondays and Fridays at 9.15 am or 12.00 noon.
- Please could we have a set of wellies for the children to keep at school for forest school (on a Thursday). We would also ask for waterproofs when the autumn arrives. Please could items be labelled with your child's name. We have a blue set of wellies but are unsure who they belong to – they're from M&S, size 9 with a white stripe down the back.
- We will now do Show and Tell on a Friday (rather than Wednesday); next week, children can bring something that is very special to them from home.
- Our first dressing up day of the year will be on Friday 16th October for Halloween (as the event itself falls during half term).

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Zara and Miss Louise