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*Coming up after half-term...19/02/2024*

The children have worked hard this half term and had lots of fun learning new things and practising skills. We wish you all a good break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Special Books :** you are invited to come and look at your child's special book on either Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2.30 - 2.50pm or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2.30-2.50pm. As before, please wait by the blue gate on Cudas Close for a member of staff to come and unlock the gate, then make your way into the Oak Playground where you usually drop off and pick up. You will then be able to sign in at your child's class door.

**Music:** Please could your child bring in a teddy to join in with music this week (named and not too big!). Jellyfish will need theirs on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb; Turtles & Starfish will need theirs on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

**Turtle Class' PE** will change after half term to a Tuesday. Please can Turtles wear PE on this day rather than a Wednesday.

**Library Days:** For the next half term, Jellyfish Class will change their library day to a Tuesday and Turtle Class will have their library day on a Monday.

## *Learning in school:*

### **Theme for the Half-Term: Let's tell a story...**

This half-term the children will be exploring what makes a story. We will be exploring the structure of well-loved stories and the characters in them. We will also be using story maps to help plan and write our own stories.

### **Theme for the Week: Monstersaurus**

Inspired by the book, Monstersaurus, the children will be thinking about what it would be like to be an inventor and using their imaginations to draw and label designs for what they would like to invent.

## *Phonics:*

This week we will be recapping the digraphs learned last term: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo/oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear. We will be continuing to orally blend, read sentences, practise writing and reading tricky words.

#### *Maths:*

In maths, we will be exploring time and thinking about concepts of time such as a minute, today, tomorrow, yesterday, a month and a year. We will also be thinking about time sequencing and noticing when things happen such as the time shown on a clock when we go to lunch.

#### *Additional notes and reminders*

**We are also looking for donations of any old technology that is no longer working such as cameras, phones, dvd players etc. We would like to give the children the opportunity to explore these as part of our topic next half term.**

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*Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.*