

Half Termly Newsletter



Year group: Reception

Teachers: Mount Elgon—Mrs Lee, Miss Blay and Mrs Mir. Mount Kenya—Miss Hubbard and Mrs Jakeman

Term: Autumn 1 **Topic:** I wonder what it was like to be a baby or child in the past?

Reading at home

Children receive a new reading book to take home once a week. Please try to share the book with your child **3 times** a week if possible. Write down in the yellow diary when you have read. Children who read at home will receive rewards such as stickers, house points or small pocket toys.

Phonics

We continue with our daily phonics lessons and are now learning Phase 2 sounds, starting with j, v, w, x. Keep looking for letters and sounds at home and when you are out and about. It's great to see your children becoming readers!

Our topic—'I wonder what it was like to be a baby or child in the past?'

We are using storybooks such as 'Peepo' and 'Once there were giants' to talk about how we grow and change. We are also thinking about items a child might have used or had in their house a long time ago.

Maths

We are developing our understanding of numbers 5-10 this half term. This includes the composition of those numbers eg 2 and 3 makes 5. Can you talk about this at home? How many teddies are in the bed and on the floor? How many toothbrushes are in the pot and out of the pot?

Baby photos

To link in with our topic, we would love the children to bring in a photo of themselves when they were a baby. We will use them to write from and make a baby book. We will return the photos as soon as we are finished with them.

Reminders

School toponing hours **8.50 - 3.15** (gates open at 3.10)

PE days: Mount Elgon (Mrs Lee) - Tuesdays
Mount Kenya (Miss Hubbard) - Mondays

Children should be bringing PE kits into school in bags so they can practise getting changed. Self-care is part of our Early years curriculum.