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Dear Reception Families,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back last week. We enjoyed hearing about the pets they have at home and seeing some photographs of them. Thank you for uploading these.

Learning

This week, we will be learning about bears. **As part of this learning, we would like to invite the children to bring a 'teddy bear' to school on Friday 24th April.** If you do not have a bear at home, please do not worry, we have lots of bears at school too.




Communication, Language & Literacy:

We will share the story 'Where our story begins Home' by Patricia Hegarty and Britta Teckentrup. We will draw and write about the setting and characers.

We will learn some new vocabulary and the Makaton signs for these words; **roam, cave, venture, sparkling, warren** and **hibernation**. Can your child show you the signs?

Handwriting

We will continue to practice forming letters from the **long letter family**.

	Down the jellyfish and dot its head.
	Down and around the umbrella and back to the ground.
	Down, around the yo-yo and curl around the string.

Phonics

We will be learning some new tricky words; **some, come, love** and **do**. Look out for these words coming home on sticky label 'buttons'. If you press the button, we will read the word in a funny voice!

In our phonics lessons, we will practice reading CVCC words and sort words with the sounds **th** and **ch** in.

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Maths:

This week we will learn about numbers beyond 10, up to 20. At home, you could practice counting from 0 up to 20 and counting out amounts of objects up to 20.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will learn about and compare different types of bears.
- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – this term our topic is 'Relationships'. This week, we will learn how to make friends to stop ourselves from feeling lonely.
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will create bears using a range of different materials and tools.
- **PD (Physical development)** - this term we will practice under arm throws, running in a straight line at speed, jumping with one foot and two foot take off.

Notices and reminders:

-Just a reminder that this term the children will have swimming lessons on Monday and PE lessons on Thursday. Therefore, they should come to school in their PE kit on **Monday and Thursday**.

-The children are really enjoying our junk modelling workshop, we have been really impressed with their creativity. If you have any small boxes (no bigger than a cereal box) at home that you do not need, please bring them into school for our workshop.

-If you have any unwanted small world people or animals at home, we would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis