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Dear all,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children enjoyed telling us what they had been up to during their week at home. This half term we have started a new topic 'Around the World'. We will use the story 'My Cat likes to Hide in Boxes' to explore different countries around the world. Each page takes us to a different country, we will use this to explore a new nation each week. This week our story took us to France. The children enjoyed their trip to Paris on Flyford Airways although I did have lots of children remind me that we weren't on a real flight! We learnt lots of facts about France including traditional foods, simple phrases, and famous landmarks.

If any parents/family members have a particularly good experience or knowledge of any country around the world, please do let me know. It would be lovely to have some members of the community into our class to tell the children about their first-hand experiences.

On Monday we started our new unit in P.E, I am always delighted to hear how excited the class are for our P.E sessions! We started by exploring basic ball skills and which sports these skills would be transferable to. The children enjoyed using their hands and feet to move a tennis ball around a cone. We focused on strategies to support carefully controlling the ball.

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds ure (pure) and er (hammer). The children were delighted to see that we had completed our sound mat! We have now introduced the children to all of the sounds they will learn in Reception! For the next few weeks, we will consolidate our learning. When the children are confident with this knowledge we will move onto 'Level 4'. During this level of phonics, the children will focus on skills such as reading consonant clusters and decoding more complex words. They will also have a new set of tricky words.

In maths this week we have explored the concepts odd/even and doubling. The children enjoyed referring to odd numbers as feeling very sad because they did not have a friend!

**Forest School:** This half term Forest School will continue on a Friday afternoon, starting tomorrow.

**World Book Day:** Just a reminder that next Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> March) is World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed for a bedtime story.

**Food Tasting:** As part of our topic we will be exploring different foods from each country that we visit. Please do let me know if you would prefer your child not to taste this food.

If there are any questions at all, please come and see us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bown

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