

What we have been learning this week	 <p>English</p>	<p>This week we have started reading a new book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. The children have enjoyed investigating the first couple of pages and asking and answering questions about the main character in the story. The children have also been working hard to write sentences with capital letters and full stops. They have begun using their own success criteria to evaluate their writing.</p> 
	 <p>Reading</p>	<p>This week we have continued reading 1:1 with the children. Please remember book bags on a Friday. We have decided that we will take the children's books out of their book bags on a Friday and put them into quarantine for a few days. However, they will be given new books to take home which have not been handled during the week.</p>
	 <p>Phonics</p>	<p>This week in Phonics, we have completed Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds. The children have learnt about the phonemes ure and er. Next week will begin Phase 4 which is consolidation of Phase 3 and reading and spelling CVCC words, CCVC words as well as reading and spelling lots of tricky words. Fast Phonics is a really good support for what they are learning in school and if they are able to access this daily it will help with their progress in Phonics.</p>
	 <p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths we have completed our unit on Place Value with Numbers within 10. This week they have been learning how to order sets of objects and numbers within 10, where you don't have all numbers. We have also been working on ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc) and finding missing numbers on a number line. The children have found the language of less than and greater than to be a real challenge and if you are able to use this language at home it will really help them understand the concept.</p>
	 <p>Foundation Subjects</p>	<p>This week we have started a new topic on Space. Following our new enquiry based curriculum, we started our topic with a 'big bang'. On Tuesday after lunch, the children came into the classroom to a dark room and a powerpoint of space visuals alongside Star Wars music. This really captured their attention. Our topic enquiry question is 'What if we could go on holiday to Space'. We have been learning about the Sun and moon this week and the children have learnt lots of interesting facts about the Sun. We also made moving diagrams of the Earth orbiting the sun and the moon orbiting Earth.</p>
Homework and Messages	 <p>Homework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children all have reading books in their book bags. We have completed our assessments and the children have books which are based on these assessments. • Please ensure your child logs into Fast Phonics and continues to work through the peaks. • When your child logs into Reading Eggs, please go into library and I have set all the children a library book to read. • I have set a small amount of homework on Mathletics – letter and log in details attached. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD COMPLETES THIS HOMEWORK AS IT IS SUPPORTING THEIR LEARNING IN CLASS !
	 <p>Messages</p>	<p>Please send any emails to the office@hollickwood.barnet.sch.uk account</p> <p>REMINDER – if your child wants to swap from school dinners to packed lunch or from packed lunch to school dinners, they need to wait until half term, unless there is a specific reason which should be discussed with the teacher.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Neal and Mrs Powell</p>