

Week 1 23rd - 27th February

Welcome to our home school communication! Each week you will get an overview of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

Please remember you have access to reading books on the Oxford Owl website. These are books that we have shared during our guided reading sessions.

Forest school outside learning will continue to be on a Monday and PE on a Friday.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	This week in class the children have been very busy! We made playdough pancakes and wrote shopping lists for the pancakes we made on Wednesday- delicious! As part of our new topic 'growing', in the garden centre role-play area, the children have been investigating what plants need to grow. They also enjoyed exploring which boats float in the water area. The children enjoyed moving to music and pretending to be flowers growing. In PE, we are learning how to cooperate and solve problems through playing games in groups.
Outside the classroom...	In our outdoor learning, the children have been comparing the height of towers. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Hartwell both had a team and we held a competition to see who could build the tallest tower in two minutes. In the first challenge Mrs Hartwell's team won, and in the second challenge Mrs Clarke's team won! The children used fantastic teamwork and problem-solving skills. The children have enjoyed playing outside as the sun has been out, they have enjoyed playing hide and seek and going back on the slide.
Phonics	Our new sounds this week are ai (wait for the train), ee (bee on my knee), igh (light up the night), and oa (float on the moat). The harder to read and spell words are was and her . We have been practising writing these daily and spotting them in our reading.
Maths	In Maths, we have been comparing height using language such as 'taller than' and 'shorter than'. We have also been learning about time and exploring what we can achieve in one minute. The children were introduced to time adverbials such as first, then, next and finally. We have been learning the days of the week and thinking about what we do on different days.
Home learning	ai, ee, igh, oa, oo Word Trains Can you complete the word trains? Cut out the carriages and match them to the pictures on the engines. I Can you match the carriages to the trains focusing on our new sounds? – Please either cut and stick or write the words in. Thank you Please read and practise your sounds and harder to read words.

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

Mrs Francis, Mrs Clarke & Mrs Hartwell