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Dear Parents



This term our theme will be *Are Carrots Orange?*

We will share stories around the theme which will include the texts 'Are carrots Orange', 'Handa's Surprise', 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and a selection of stories about 'Supertato'. We will be thinking about foods which are healthy for us to eat and comparing them to foods which we can eat occasionally. We will think about keeping healthy and how exercise and physical activities help us to keep fit.

We will be planting seeds and growing a variety of seasonal vegetables including carrots, potatoes, lettuce and cress. We will taste a variety of foods, create some healthy snacks and print with fruit and vegetables.

All children will continue with daily phonic learning and maths activities linked with number, shape, space and measure. We will set up a class shop and through play learn about simple coins and money.

Can you try some of the challenges below for your child's home learning?

- Help mummy or daddy to make a healthy meal discuss which foods are healthy for you and what are they called?
- Create a healthy snack such as a fruit smoothie or fruit salad?
- Make jelly and add some fruits e.g. blueberries or raspberries. Talk to your child about how the jelly tastes.
- Write a shopping list and take it shopping with you. Can you count out fruit and vegetables? E.g. 1 pear, 2 banana's, 5 potatoes etc.
- Draw, paint or collage a picture of different foods or flowers. What colours do you need?
- Try planting some seeds - what do they need to grow?
- Look in the cupboards at home. With mummy or daddy can you find out where the different foods come from? Are any grown on the farms e.g. carrots, potatoes etc.
- Can you draw a picture of different foods - Reception children - can you add labels to your pictures?

In Ladybird class we would love to see some of your child's home learning. Please send in photographs, pictures, drawings or paintings and we can celebrate them with your child's friends.

Next week is a World Book day and we are celebrating as a school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March please see previous newsletter for details. On the school website there will be a link on the class page to recommended stories for Reception children - challenge yourselves as a family to share some of the stories how many can you share?

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