



Welcome back!

It sounds like everyone had a very enjoyable holiday and *almost* everyone has come back fit and healthy ready for an exciting second term. As you will have noticed, we have started our new topic *Growing and Changing* that is based around the traditional tales of *The Enormous Turnip* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The key focus will be looking at seeds, plants, growth and changes through Literacy, Maths and topic lessons and most importantly play. If you have any plant or fruit and vegetable knowledge we would love to invite you in to class to talk to the children. We will also be planting many different seeds and beans and re-growing kitchen scraps, so if you have any you would like to donate to our 'Kindergarten Nursery', they will be happily received.

Important Notices

Hats, arrival and home readers

Please send your child to school with a hat. In the afternoons, we will be making use of the swings and the hopefully soon-to-arrive new fort in the main playground, where there is very little shade. As the weather gets hotter we feel that it is imperative your child wears a hat to protect them from the sun.



School starts at 8.10am and your child is marked on the register as **late at 8.15am.**

Your child misses out on valuable social, learning and lesson time when they are late so try to be punctual and at school before 8.15am.



Home readers

We are so excited to see your children choosing to read in class and that they are also enjoying their home reading books so much. We appreciate the comments in your child's reading diary, they really help us to gauge the level and types of book to send home. Please continue to swap books on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** morning. It is a time-consuming process that we have planned into these two days so please try to stick to this routine.



If you have any queries, questions or comments please don't hesitate to come and talk to Miss Claire after pick up (drop off can sometimes be a little busy!). In turn, please keep us informed of anything that is happening at home that might affect your child and their behaviour in class. We look forward to another exciting and successful term in Gecko Class.

The Kindergarten Team