



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some time to relax, along with a bit of the warmer weather!

Our topic this half term is '**Animal Kingdom**'. This will have a Science focus, where we'll be learning about animals, including humans. We'll begin by identifying different animal groups such as mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. We'll also explore what animals need to survive and look at what they eat, learning about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. As always, our topic work will be cross-curricular and will link to a range of different subjects.

Topic homework will be sent out via email and uploaded to our class webpage. Please ensure all projects are returned to school by **Friday 15th May**.

English

Developing reading and writing skills will continue to be a key focus this half term. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our 'Animal Kingdom' topic.

- **Phonics:** All children will continue following the Read, Write, Inc scheme. They will be reassessed in the first week back and begin working on their new levels. Daily 45-minute sessions will continue. With the Phonics Screening Check approaching, please keep practising speed sounds at home and encourage your child to spot 'special friends' when reading.
- **Spellings:** These will continue as they were last half term.
- **Reading:** Reading remains incredibly important. Please continue to support your child with daily reading using their RWI books to build fluency, as well as their 100-book challenge book for enjoyment. I will continue to hear children read regularly, but any parent volunteers who are able to come in and support would be greatly appreciated.



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Maths

This half term, we will focus on multiplication and division, fractions, geometry (position and direction), and place value to 100.

Here are some useful websites to support learning at home:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/>
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>

P.E.

PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather and in line with school guidelines. This half term, we will begin our Athletics unit in preparation for Sports Day, alongside continuing to develop our multi-skills through a range of games and activities.

Forest School

Forest School will now be every Monday afternoon. As always, this will take place outdoors in all weather conditions (unless it is unsafe), so please ensure your child has suitable clothing, including waterproofs if needed. With the Summer term now underway, we may also need sun hats and sun cream as the weather improves.

Kind regards,

Mr Adam Lisseman-Burke



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