



YEAR 4

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new year. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable.

Our Topic

Term 1: Living Things and Their Habitats

Children will learn about how humans affect these habitats and how animals can be classified.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: the four basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), symmetry and fractions. In order to support your child, you could talk to them about the maths they are learning: identifying things in the real world that are symmetrical, asking them to help with the shopping (e.g. calculating the cost of products and working out how much change will be given) and spotting where fractions are being used in the real world.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn their 8x table.

In English, we will be learning about: information texts, diaries, newspapers and persuasive writing. In order to support your child, you could look at information texts and what is similar about each of them, look at adverts and discuss how they are trying to persuade you to do something and look at newspaper reports and identify common features that appear in nearly every one.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

PE

Doves and Magpies have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays. Skylarks have PE on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school every day. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Thursday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about are:

- *visiting zoos and farms to find out the lives and life cycles of different animals*
- *suggesting your child reads appropriate articles in newspapers*
- *watching TV together (!) and discuss how the adverts try to persuade you to part with your money*

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Important Dates

- 17.9.18 - School photographer Reception – Y6
- 18.9.18 - Theatre production for Y2-Y6
- 26.9.18 - SEND information session for parents – 2.30pm
- 28.9.18 - Harvest Festival at church at 2.15pm for Y4-Y6 – all welcome
- 8.10.18 - Enterprise Week for Y3-Y4
- 16.10.18 - Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm
- 17.10.18 - Parents' evening 3.30-5pm
- 19.10.18 - Last day of term 1
- 5.11.18 - First day of term 2

Yours sincerely

Mr Batterham

Mr Saunders

Mr Saw

Year 4 Class Teachers

