



April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. As always this term promises to be a very busy one!

This term our topic is 'Amazing animals'. Following on from our hugely successful farm trip we will be starting by looking at farm animals. We will follow this on by looking at pets and then wild animals next half term. We have lots of lovely stories to share and exciting activities for the children to participate in. We now have our eggs in incubation and are looking forward to welcoming some chicks in the next few weeks. Feel free to pop in and see how they are getting on.

Please read the curriculum coverage to see what we will be teaching this term. As always there are lots of ways you can help support your child. Make sure when you work through your child's sound book you revise all taught phonemes so they are familiar to your child. You can also work with your child on writing their own name. Please ensure correct letter formation and make sure they are holding their pencil correctly. Library books are also a great way to help your child. Not only do children love to be read to but a love of books will help with future reading! Please change your library book at the **beginning** of the session and **put them back in the green tray**, not the box, so that we can check them back in. We will also continue to send home some home/school partnership sheets with one of your child's individualised next step on it. Please support us by working on the target and updating us as to how they are getting on.

We will continue our daily mile this half term, aiming to increase the total laps by the end of the year. The idea is that the children run in their uniform so there is no need to send them in anything different however we will need sun hats to help stop us getting too hot. We do encourage the children to drink water after each run.

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. For health and safety reasons children cannot go on the climbing frame or on the scooters or bikes unless they have suitable footwear. Please make sure that children wear closed shoes and that the shoes do not have laces. As the weather improves please make sure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and brings a named hat with them.

Snack money for this half term remains £1.00 per week, £6.00 for the half term or £13.00 up until the end of term. The preferred method of payment is through School Gateway. Thank you for your contributions towards snack. We try and provide the children with a variety of snacks including exotic fruits, meats and savoury bits. We also use this money for our weekly cooking and other activities such as the Easter egg hunt. These things would not be possible without your donations.

Phonics this term will be:

Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Review
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Review
Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> May	h
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> May	b
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> May	f
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	l
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term

Once we have finished all the sounds, we will spend the rest of the term making sure the children can recognise and name as many as possible, with and without picture prompts, begin to recognise and read some simple phonetic words and begin to learn how to write the letters, forming them correctly. Please continue to practise the sounds with your child and keep their sound book handy for reference and consolidation.

As always we will update the notice board with the weeks activities and phonics along with any other important information. Please do keep checking for updates.

Some upcoming events this half term

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – <b>school closed</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fayre
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS liturgy (times and information to follow)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored run
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School association meeting – everybody welcome
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	EYFS enrichment day Part 1– in school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	EYFS enrichment day Part 2 – in school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer disco
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day (Reserve day Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July)

**School closed for half-term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Thank you for your continued support,

The Nursery Team