

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and fun Easter break. We are forward to an exciting and busy term.

This term we will investigate and learn about animals, looking at farm animals first. We will be visited by a lamb and will have eggs in the classroom that we will be looking after, with everything crossed, for some chicks to hatch! We will also be visiting Mrs Drinkwater's mum's farm in Flore to see and experience the animals there.

After farm animals we will be learning about pets and then lifecycles of minibeasts.

Next term we will be finding out about the seaside, beaches and the animals that live in and around the sea. This will link with our trip to the Sealife centre in Birmingham and allow the children to observe sea animals close up. Further information about our trip will be sent to you in the near future.

I would like to thank you all for supporting your child with reading at home as part of their homework. This is having a huge impact on their reading ability and skills. We would definitely like this to continue to ensure the children are ready for their move to year 1, which is fast approaching.

We have decided that we are going to alternate reading with the children, once a week, to having a focus on their writing to help improve their writing skills in line with their reading. The children will then read one week and write the next within the classroom with a teacher. Their task at home, for writing, will be explained in their home-writing book.

If you feel your child needs to change their reading book during their writing week please speak to either Mrs Drinkwater, Mrs McNair or myself and we will find a time to listen to them and change their 'reading scheme' book. Children can change their 'book corner' book at any point during 'free choice' time during the day.

If you would like any further information about this change please come and see me.

We have learnt 31 sounds in our phonics and over the last term we have been using these in our reading and writing. We are now moving on to the next set of sounds. These will all be either 2 or 3 letter sounds. The children will be bringing their new sounds home to share and practice with you. If you could encourage your child to complete their homework independently this will help them greatly.

The children have had the opportunity to taste and experience a wide range of foods so far this year. We would like to continue this and ask for a donation of £7 to cover the cost of snack for the next term. Please could you send this in a named envelope.

Many thanks

EYFS Team