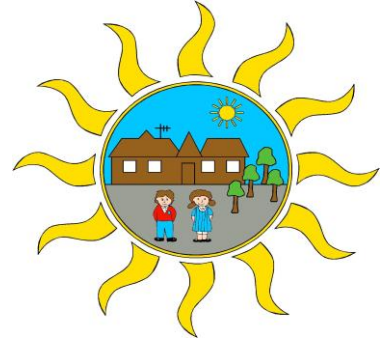


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term and hopefully some warmer weather. We have a very exciting term ahead for the children and can't wait to get started. We can't believe we are into the final term of the school year. This term will see the children in Year 2 take their SATS tests. We can complete these at any point throughout May and we aim to structure them so that the children are as relaxed as possible. We will take them in small groups and give them plenty of rest in between. If you could ensure that your child is getting to bed early, having a good breakfast and lots of relaxation time at home, this would be really helpful. Please keep up the good work with practicing spelling rules and hearing children read every day at home.

## Maths and English Lessons

During our English lessons we will be looking at poetry about birds, stories which involve going on a quest, information writing linked to our topic and trip to Marwell along with writing a recount based around Marwell Zoo. We will focus on forming a range of different styles of sentences, using a good, wide selection of vocabulary and thinking about writing in the past and the present tense.

We will also be placing a high emphasis on the children's presentation of their writing, particularly their handwriting.

In reading this term the children will have daily guided reading sessions which will include not only reading a selection of different texts but lots of conversation around how the text works and what it is telling us. The children will be heard read as often as possible by an adult within school (this may be during guided reading sessions, their school reading book or texts related to topic lessons). We would also like to continue with their reading challenge, if they have not yet received their reward, and then there will be a new different style Reading Challenge for them to move onto this term.

Maths topics this term will be measurement including money, mass, capacity and temperature and properties of shape. We will also look at problem solving and using efficient methods and spend more time on Maths investigations.

PLEASE NOTE: Spelling tests and new spellings will be given out on a Thursday for this term.

## Topic

Our topic for this term is All Creatures Great and Small and will include our eagerly anticipated trip to Marwell Zoo. The children will use the music from The Carnival of the Animals as inspiration for this topic, creating a dance, different types of mask, as well as researching where different animals

come from, their habitat and how they are suited to living there. We will look at Mary Anning; the famous fossil collector and look at her discoveries as a paleontologist.

We would love to encourage the children to share any work or research they do at home. We have a display board in the classroom for any work from home that is connected either to our topic or that week's maths or writing focus. We will endeavour to send a message on Dojo to inform you as to each week's main focus.

Could you please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day.

We look forward to an exciting term with your children. As ever, any questions, concerns or worries please do pop in to see us or get in touch via class dojo.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hines Mrs Helas



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