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Dear Parents and Carers,

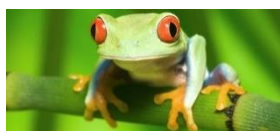
Happy New Year! This term our learning journey is **Walk on the Wild Side!**

We will be finding out about animals around the world, how they manage to survive, where they live and the ways in which people can help preserve and support them.



In English, we will be writing evocative descriptions of different species, creating thoughtful instructional texts for caring for animals and producing our own 'just so' stories, which will explain the variety and diversity in animals around the world!

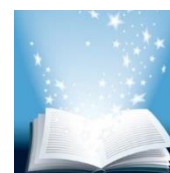
In Maths, we will continue to focus on place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at time and it would be extremely helpful if you could reinforce how to read and write the time through conversations at home, looking at clocks, watches etc. particularly with an emphasis on minutes **to** and minutes **past** the hour, e.g. 10 to 8 and quarter past 4. Additionally we will be exploring the properties and practical application of 2D and 3D shape.



In Science, we are studying animals and their offspring in all their amazing habitats, as well as looking at their basic needs for survival. In Computing, the children will be using logical reasoning to make predictions. In RE the children will focus on Judaism, the life of Moses and the Jewish holy book, The Torah.

There is no change to the PE sessions this term. We still have PE on a Monday and on Wednesday. **Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those relevant days and remind your children to take their kits home when suitable for washing.** If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on PE days or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform me in writing or tell me personally.

Please can I again encourage you to listen to your child read every day. All children now have a reading record. Every day, when your child reads, please can you make a comment in the reading record so that we can see that reading is happening at home and the children have the opportunity to get a merit for every 10 entries in their reading record.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

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