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Dear Parent,

Welcome to summer. We've had a great start to the new term, with wonderful new playground markings and great sunny weather. As our topic is, 'Life Around Us,' we've been able to start in a positive way, enjoying the changes to the school environment.

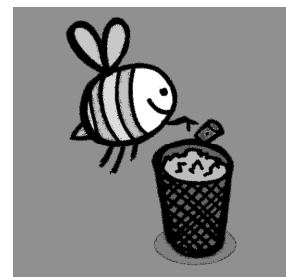
Topic.

The topic is science centred and the children will be exploring and investigating the various environments around the school such as; the pond and conservation area, the wooded area, the field, the flower beds and even around the buildings where nature still manages to flourish, as well as visiting other National Trust environments near by, to study woodland, investigate food webs and carry out other exciting activities. We hope to arrange these National Trust activities in June and hopefully we'll be able to walk or travel by tractor and 'shoot trailers'. More details to follow. I was also hoping to visit the Queen Elizabeth Country Park, but the transport and entrance ticket would cost each child £10, which is felt to be too expensive, especially as Petersfield is not very far away.

We will be following in Charles' Darwin's footsteps and learning about his life in history and about his journeys in geography, as well as plotting our own journeys around the school and on our visits. We will be listening to pieces of classical music, such as 'Flight of the Bumble Bee', and 'Carnival of the Animals' and we will also be composing our own piece of music. Where possible our Literacy lessons will focus on natural things, with scientific write ups, descriptive writing and reports and we will also be studying and writing poetry about plants and animals. All the data we collect will be recorded using our mathematical skills and we will enjoy the great outdoors in our games, athletic and swimming PE lessons.

* A quick reminder; **PE kit** - a plain white or house coloured T shirt with black or white plain shorts, along with trainers/ plimsolls and a spare pair of socks - needs to be in school at all times and swimming kit needs to be brought in for our weekly Thursday morning lesson. Earrings need to be removed or covered for all PE lessons and swimming hats need to be worn by all children.

French lessons will continue, as well as our study of local churches and we will also be learning about the Muslim festival of Divali.



Midhurst in Bloom.

On a different note; our class will be entering the 'Midhurst in Bloom', competition and we are going to plant up a wheelbarrow, which will be displayed in various places around the town. All the children will be planting seeds and seedlings, but we are going to need many plastic flower pots and extra plants. If you have any spare pots, cuttings, or plants could you please send them in. Thank you.

Homework

As the Personal Project task has now finished; well done to all of you by the way, the children's work was very varied and interesting to read; it is back to weekly homework. The task or worksheet will be stuck into your child's yellow homework book along with the weekly spellings and times tables or division work and will need to be completed by the following Tuesday.

I think that's all I've got to tell you; if you need to see me I am around before 8:55 am when school starts and after school at 3:25pm most days apart from Monday mornings when we have a staff briefing and Tuesday afternoons when we have a staff meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Rh. Parry