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Dear parents/guardians,

### **Summer Term 2023**

As I am writing this letter I cannot believe the Easter holiday is already a distant memory. For those of you that I haven't managed to catch up with I hope you had a wonderful break with your families.

Our topic this term for KS1 is 'Animals', which has been shared with the children already. We are hoping to explore the local area on a couple of occasions this term- separate letters will follow. We will have a visit in the second half term from Zoolab so the children can observe some animals up close. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study for this topic and term:

- **Science:** We will explore 'Animals including humans.' We will continue to observe Seasonal changes.
- **Geography:** We will explore the location of hot and cold places and explore these further identifying the animals that live in certain continents and why.
- **History:** We will take a journey back in time to learn about the early life of King Charles III and his long-awaited journey to the throne. We will also play a part in making history with our Coronation events.
- **Design Technology:** We will design, make and evaluate an animal pencil pot out of clay.
- **Art:** Children will explore a variety of mixed media to create pictures of animals from four different perspectives.
- **Religious Education:** This term we will explore and compare different religions and answer the question 'What makes some places sacred?' and in the second half term we will explore Judaism further. We will visit our local church and Chichester Cathedral.
- **Computing:** We will continue to discuss internet safety and work on 'Animated story books' as well as learning all about spreadsheets.
- **Music:** We will explore many different genres of music used in animal theatre and films. We will begin to explore the four key groups of instruments in an orchestra which will lead us to experiment with percussion instruments to mimic animal noises. Children will perform begin to perform in small groups.
- **Physical Education:** In school children will continue Games with Aspire coaches and games and athletics with me.
- **French:** with Mrs Byers.
- **Learning for life:** We will explore physical health and well-being.

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be linked to our topic work when appropriate. The children will have regular phonics lessons, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. If any of you have extra time to spare and feel that you could support reading in school then please let the school office know. It is always appreciated by children and staff.

### **Homework:**

**Reading:** You can help support our work in reading by listening to your child read as often as possible, preferably each day. Our aim is to improve children's confidence in reading. If, when you listen to your child read, they are doing lots of 'sounding out' and lack fluency, takes turns to share the book and model fluent reading to them.

**Spellings:** I will send home 5-8 words a week which we will be focussing on in class. It would help children's confidence if you can practice with them at home. I will also send them via Seesaw.

**Maths:** We will be looking at money and time in class – if you can support this outside of school by giving your child an opportunity to buy items using small amounts of money, this will help by putting money into context. If you can encourage reading the time to half past the hour and o'clock on an analogue clock this will also support learning. Talk about everyday maths as you walk to school with a focus on numbers up to 100 and the value of each digit (house numbers, counting the stairs when going to bed, shapes they can see) and play board games. These all help children to recognise maths in a variety of forms.

This half term we are lucky to have a Student Teacher, Mr Roberts, working in Year 1 and he will be teaching some lessons in class alongside me.

Thank you to those of you who recently came to the phonics information sessions. If you are concerned at all about the phonics screening which will take place **week commencing 12th June** please do not hesitate to contact me. I may send home additional resources to consolidate children's learning.

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back into class for what will be a very busy, action packed Summer term. We have some wonderful events to look forward to; Rainbow raffle, Coronation picnic, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, school fayre, sports day, whole school beach trip and the open day near the end of term.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Hurrion

### **Dates for your Diary:**

12<sup>th</sup> June- Phonics screening – **Children in school this week except for illness please.**

13<sup>th</sup> June- Chichester Cathedral visit (packed lunch)

26<sup>th</sup> June -Zoolab visitor to school

23<sup>rd</sup> June- School Fair

30<sup>th</sup> June- 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations

7<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day

14<sup>th</sup> July- Whole school beach trip (packed lunch)