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Dear parents/guardians,

SUMMER TERM 2023

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break, which I'm sure seems a long time ago now. It hardly seems possible that here we are in the summer term already!

The Year 2s are very excited about our 'Animals' topic for this term. We will have a visit in the second half term from Zoolab so the children can observe some animals up close. Further details to follow. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study:

- **Science:** We will explore animals including humans and also study 'Living Things and their Habitats'
- **Geography:** We will review compass points and research hot and cold climates.
- **Design Technology:** We will design, make and evaluate a clay pencil pot holder, with an animal theme.
- **Art:** Children will complete a range of art activities with an animal theme, using a variety of different media.
- **Religious Education:** Understanding Christianity: 'Gospel: What is the Good News that Jesus brings?' Judaism: 'Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?'
- **Computing:** Creating Questions; Effective searching of the internet.
- **Music:** We will build on our previous rhythm and pulse work by learning about Tempo and Pitch. We will identify the instruments that make up an orchestra and explore percussion instruments to perform musical pieces to represent animal movements or sounds. We will explore and evaluate 'The Carnival of the Animals', a piece of music composed by Camille Saint-Saëns.
- **Physical Education:** Children will continue having PE with the Aspire coaches on Wednesdays and athletics/multisports with me on Fridays.
- **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 reading, spelling and phonics lessons, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. As reading skills are improving all the time, we will focus more on fluency and reading speed.

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 reading fluency of increasingly more challenging texts. If, when you listen to your child read, they are doing lots of 'sounding out' and lack fluency, get them to read the page again fluently, without undue hesitation.

Spellings: This term, I will continue to send home spelling lists for the children to learn. These will come home in a spelling book – watch out for it in the book bag.

Times Tables: By the end of Year 2, it is expected that children know their 2, 5 and 10 x tables and the related division facts. Please continue to support your child in learning these – you can use TTRockstars or websites to help.

The summer term is always a busy one, full of lots of exciting events. I have included a few key dates at the bottom of this letter, which will of course be in the Friday Flyers too.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Aldren

Dates for your Diary:

26th June -Zoolab visitor to school

23rd June- School Summer Fair (after school)

30th June- MPS 50th Anniversary celebrations

7th July – Sports day

14th July- Whole school beach trip (packed lunch)