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Dear Parents

Where has the year gone? We can't believe that we are in the last term of Reception! This half term we shall be learning about animals. We will look at different habitats around the world, what animals eat, what they have e.g. fur, scales, horns, wings, legs, how they move etc. Next week we will be having our exciting visit to Willows Farm, where we will be learning more from a first-hand experience of caring for animals.

After half term, we will be looking at 'Traditional Tales'. If you have any resources at home to support these topics, they will be greatly appreciated, for example traditional tale storybooks, puppets, CD's or DVD's of fairy tale stories.

Knowledge and Understanding	We will be exploring different countries and islands animals come from. We will be looking at and making maps. It will be an opportunity for us to look at the compass points and begin to talk about direction.
Literacy and communication/ language	We will be doing a lot of work on developing children's sentence writing skills to enable them to write simple sentences using their phonic knowledge by the end of Reception. If children are already capable of doing this, they will be learning to write more complex sentences and building up their writing stamina.
Expressive Art and Design	Animal focus will provide many opportunities for the children to act out their adventures and we will be making costumes and props to help us tell different animal stories. When we move on to our 'Traditional Tales' topic, children will act out different well-known stories as well as inventing their own. We will design and build animal enclosures much like a zoo, and think about what the enclosure needs to have to care for a certain animal.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will focus on 'changes.' During this topic we will support children in their transition to year one, with visits to the year one classrooms, meeting new teachers and discussing any worries or concerns that they may have.
Physical Development	Children will practise the skills which they will be applying on sports day and learn some new games and ball skills.
Maths	Children will be solving problems relating to money, including the addition of 2 coins. We will be working on ordering numbers to 20, and finding patterns in numbers on the hundred square. Initially we will be looking at 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will build on the learning that we have already covered on capacity and measures, and will use their knowledge to solve mathematical problems such as adding, subtracting, doubling, halving and sharing amounts.

Please remember:

- Children need wellies in school at all times, as our weather regularly changes and they are still often needed for outdoor play.
- All clothing must be named! Spare clothes should be kept in school either in their PE bag or in a separate bag on their peg.
- Please ensure that PE kits are returned.
- Our library change day is on Tuesday so please ensure that all library books are brought in on that day.

Send in any WOW stickers for those moments at home when your child has really impressed you. Should you need more stickers please ask a member of staff.

Willows Farm Trip- Tuesday 30th April, voluntary contribution of £16.50 sent in along with the signed permission letter. Thank you.

Early Learning Goals-As we are nearing the end of the Reception year we would like to share with you what the children are working towards for the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. These are the goals that all Reception children nationally are assessed by.

Children achieving a **good level of development**, at the end of the year, are those achieving at least the expected level within the following areas of learning: communication and language; physical development; personal, social and emotional development; literacy; and mathematics.

We have attached the Early Learning Goals for you to refer to as guidance of what the children need to achieve by the end of the summer term. For a target to be met, the children ***have to be able to do these independently.***

Helping at home- Please look at the Literacy and Maths areas in particular and support your child with any gaps they may have. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Reception team. Please also continue to read the weekly newsletters for further ideas of what the children can be working on at home.

Voluntary contribution:

To help to cover the cost of consumables that are used in Reception, for example pasta, flour, play dough, food for tasting and cooking, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per child for this term. Please return the slip at the bottom of this letter. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support, please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries or questions about this term.

The Reception Team

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Name of child _____

Please find enclosed a voluntary contribution of £_____

Thank you

