

Welcome back to the summer term and hopefully lots more warm and sunny weather so that we can take more of our learning outside. The children had a great spring term and I'm sure you'll agree, they made fantastic progress, which we look forward to sharing with you at Parents' Evening.

The Animal Kingdom

This term's topic is The Animal Kingdom. As part of our topic we shall be going on a trip to Puxton Park where the children will take part in various animal themed workshops. The trip will take place on Wednesday 15th May. We need some parent helpers for the day. If you are able to help on the trip please see Mrs Munday.

Hats and drinks

Please could you ensure that your child brings in a named hat and a drink, even if they have milk at snack time. The children will start to play on our field at lunchtime and they can get hot and thirsty, so a hat would help with protection and a drink would save them all queuing at the water fountain at the end of play.

Phonics and Reading

We are continuing with the Jolly Phonics programme and all children have been recently assessed on their phonic knowledge and their home reading books now match their phonic ability. Just a little reminder to please tick the reading record when you have heard your child read at home.

We are focusing on achieving our reading Early Learning goal.

By the end of Reception most children will be able to ...

- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.
- Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.
- Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.

<u>Milk</u>

Just a reminder that once your child has reached their fifth birthday they are no longer entitled to free school milk. If

you wish your child to continue to receive milk in stellool, please see Mrs Warren in the office for more details.

Forest School

This term we shall be looking at the seasonal changes that happen in summer and taking part in summer themed Forest school activities.

We shall be planting some seeds and watching them grow.

Mathematics

In maths children will continue to develop their mastering of number by being able to subitise increasingly complex arrangements including using dice and 10-frames. They will focus on the composition of numbers to 10 and visualizing and using spatial language, comparing attributes and quantities.

RE/Christian Value

This term we shall be looking at the Christian value of responsibility and what we can learn from the stories that Jesus told.

The Reception Class team

Mrs Kathryn Munday (Class Teacher) Miss. Ange Rossi (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Tina Chapman (Teaching Assistant) Miss Sarah Green (HLTA/Teaching Assistant)