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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Classes 1 and 2

Half Termly Letter – Spring 1 2022

It has been wonderful to see the children back this week in school and we are excited to see them grow and learn this term.

Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'Animals'! We will be learning about animals and where they live around the world. We would love to see pictures of your family's pets or your favourite animals - please send them via Seesaw. To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum information document.



Belongings

Thank you for making sure your children have the correct, named belongings. If they don't have them in school already, please send a named **waterproof** with hood, named **welly boots** and **either waterproof trousers or a puddle suit**. We will continue to play outside and visit the forest school area even when it gets wet and cold. We have been advised to keep good levels of **ventilation** in school, so **layers of clothing** will also be useful as the weather continues to be cold.

Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what your child has read and enjoyed. You may wish to include other books you are reading in their diary – library books, books from home etc. Please continue to read and record (at least!) five reads in your reading diary each week. Book bags need to be in school **every day** as your child will be able to change their story book. Each week, we will check your child's diary and if they have 5 or more reads, they will receive a special sticker. Your child will become even more confident with their reading this term and it is so important to encourage and value their efforts at home. If you would like more support with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher.

You may wish to choose an 'Animals' themed project from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea!). If your child has worked on a home learning project, we ask that you don't send it into school, but share a photo of it via Seesaw, so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing about their home learning projects. We have also provided a login for Education City and Numbots, which have a variety of games to support your child's learning.

If your child is required to self-isolate due to COVID-19, work will be added on Seesaw for them to complete.

Dates for your diary:

Week beginning 31st January – Take One Picture week/ National Storytelling Week

4th February – Maths Day

8th February – Safer Internet Day

11th February - End of Spring Term 1

We hope that you and your child have had a very smooth and happy start to 2022. We are always keen to talk with you about your child and their learning so do ask to speak to us at drop-off/pick-up.

Best wishes,

Mrs Griffin, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir

