

## Supporting Learning at Home

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a good Easter holiday and welcome back to the Summer term in Birch.

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

Our topic this term is Animals.

### What we will do in school...

#### Science

We will be learning about different habitats and the conditions that exist in them. We will learn how different animals are adapted to the habitat they live in.

#### Literacy

We will be reading different traditional tales based on animals to develop comprehension skills and composition skills. All of the children will read each day and have a phonics session.

#### Art/ DT

In cooking we will use different methods to make different dishes.

In art we will look at animal skin patterns and copy the designs.

#### PSHE

We will continue to play group games and to work on social skills such as turn taking and eye contact.

We will work on life skills such as using the bus and shopping.

#### Maths

We will work on sequencing numbers by counting on or back in steps, comparing amounts, finding out how 2D shapes are represented within 3D shapes and using angles of turn for movement.

### What you could do together at home...

Look together at the website 'BBC Bitesize Animas' which has information and interactive activities. Look at different habitats in the garden such as under stones or in trees. Which animals live there?

Please share books as often as possible at home.

Children could make puppets for the characters in different traditional tales such as The Little Red Hen. YouTube has lots of examples of traditional tales to listen to.

Make a biscuit dough and use animal shape cutters. Encourage children to help out at home with cooking.

Make some junk-modelling animals.

Get out into the community as often as possible and practise skills such as meeting and greeting others.

Encourage skills such as using cutlery, brushing teeth and applying deodorant.

There are lots of interactive games on the internet for the children to work on their maths skills. Topmarks is a good site to explore.

Point out 3D shapes around your home and in the environment.



## Swimming

Birch Group is sharing swimming sessions with Upper 4 Group this year. This half term we will not be swimming, instead we have an extra session in the hall for P.E. and will also be going for walks when the weather allows. After half term we will be swimming on Thursday mornings.



## PE - every Tuesday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

## Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



## Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this flyer. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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