Dear Parent,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter Holiday, we are glad to see everyone back in class. Our topic this term is Animals.

What we will be doing in school

Art

We will be looking at different textures and patterns on animals and using different materials to create models.

Science

We will be looking at different animals; learning about lifecycles and identify the adults and their young. We will be watching some butterflies and plants grow. We will be learning about what plants need to grow.

Literacy

We are learning to create captions about pictures or photos, using subject verb object, eg. Emma read book.

We will be looking at labelling pictures and creating lists.

Humanities

We will be exploring our local environments. We will be looking at the different animals and where they live.

Maths

In maths we are learning to match objects and colours, count, and recognise different shapes. We are going to be looking at money, sorting and matching the different coins.

We will be learning positional language such as on, under and in.

PSHE

We are learning to take turns; we will be playing animal dominoes and building train sets together.

We are learning to be more independent with our hygiene routine.

What you could do together at home...

Talk about how different animals touch and feel; fur, scales etc. Look at the different colours and patterns on them. What colours can they see?

Get out in the garden and help with looking after the plants, watering and sowing seeds. Help feeding any pets or the birds in the garden, and talk about what they need to eat and drink.

Talk about what you can see other people doing, eg. mummy riding bike, daddy drinking juice etc. Share stories and photos with the child, who is in the picture? What are they doing? Creating and talking about lists when shopping or going on a trip out.

When you are out and about talk about the animals you can see. Is it on the land, in the water or flying through the sky? Talk about where the animals are; in the pond, in the tree, on the farm etc.

Count objects at home with your child, their favourite toys or foods etc. "Please give me one ..." "Please give me two..."

Talk about where things are for example "the cat is on the mat" "the dog is under the table"

When possible encourage your child to dress and wash themselves. Model to them brushing your hair or brushing your teeth.

Play turn taking games at home.

Swimming - we will be swimming on a Wednesday



Please send your child into school every Wednesday with:

- > a swimming costume/trunks
- > a towel
- > soap and moisturising cream if needed
- > in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.

PE - every Monday and Thursday

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. Please could you send in a labelled water bottle for the children to have access to drink while they are participating in activities. These will be washed and refilled by the children themselves to increase their independence skills.

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.

This time of year can be muddy, so we have purchased a set of water proof trousers and wellies for class that children can borrow. We will be doing lots of activities with water play over the summer term, and although we provide waterproofs and aprons accidents can happen.

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, if you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. I as class teacher am also contactable by email: georgina.matthews@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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