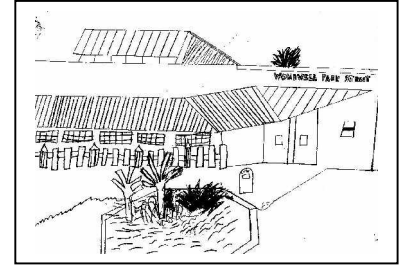




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Dear Parents and Carers of Amazing Aliens

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I hope you find the contents of this letter useful when talking to your child about what they are learning this term. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it should give you some ideas on how to support your child's learning at home so that they make even faster progress. Please feel free to ask if you need more information or if you can offer your help.

English: We will be learning about stories with repetitive patterns, rhymes and phrases. We will also be telling and writing recounts, listening to and reading traditional stories and poetry. At home, you can help your child by encouraging them to say and write simple sentences about their experiences with full stops and capital letters. Encourage them to re-read their writing to check that it makes sense and that the words are in order. You could get them to practise sounding out the words they hear when they are spelling, whilst continuing to practise spelling high frequency words.

In handwriting this term we will be making sure that all letters are formed using the correct movement and that we can make our writing a regular size. Attached is a letter formation sheet so that you can see the way your child is taught to form their letters at school. This term we will also be putting words in alphabetical order and using simple dictionaries. Also attached is a sheet with all the letter sounds that we have or are covering in class. By the end of the year your child needs to be able to read and write words with these sounds in them.

Maths: We are continuing our work on the number system to include numbers to 100, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be sorting 2D and 3D shapes by their properties, comparing weights and capacities, and measuring using units of weight and volume. Calculation will include addition of 10 to a number, subtracting from a 2 digit number and adding to a 2 digit number by counting on. Math's home work will go home on Friday and it will relate to the week's learning objectives.

Science: We will be finding out about living and growing looking at similarities and differences between plants, animals and humans. We will also be looking at habitats and planting outdoors as the weather improves. Our topic this term is based around our Science objectives and will be focusing on jungle animals.

Topic: The Jungle book, as well as other stories and films on this theme will be used to inspire art work, collage, painting and sculpture about animals and plants. In PSHCE we will think about environmental issues in the jungle as well as how people live in small villages in poor rural areas. We will be making puppets as part of DT and moving safari vehicles. In RE we will be listening to stories from the Bible and talking about the wonder of the world, people and wildlife.

ICT: We will be using ICT to support our learning across the curriculum. Your child will learn to use programs in school that enable them to search for information relating to our topics safely. At home, please make sure you know what your child is doing on the Internet and help us to reinforce Internet safety. We will also be developing our word processing abilities by typing captions for pictures and story sentences.

Our PE days are now Wednesday and Thursday. This has changed so that we have a longer lesson in the hall to do gymnastics on the apparatus. Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery is to be worn, especially on these days.

Mrs Dodson will be working in class 1 every morning to support the children with their learning. She will also assist me in listening to the children read on a regular basis. Mrs Godany will work in the class for 3 afternoons each week.

We are planning a trip to Chester Zoo as this will support our jungle topic. You will find out more about this shortly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Watson
Class Teacher