



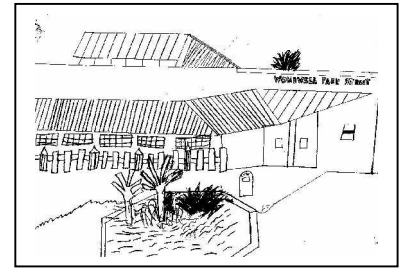
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Dear Parents and Carers of Outstanding Owls

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Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas Holiday. We 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 the class teacher if you need any further information or help.

English: We will be learning about poetry, looking at a variety of poems and performing them. The children will write their own poems and use the words to make an appropriate shape to match the title of the poem. The children will also be looking at non-chronological reports and how to write a report on various things including different habitats, linked to the science topic.

- At home, read lots of poems together and discuss the words that the poet has used. Can they think of any other words that could be used? They can attempt to write their own poem making the words into a shape, for example football, snowman, animals or plants. Also make sure that your child is reading regularly. They should bring a new book home on a regular basis. If possible, listen to your child read for a short time every day. Ask them questions about the book/story and ask them to tell you what they have just read.

Maths: We are learning to handle data; children will be asking each other questions such as 'What is your favourite animal?' or 'What is your favourite flower?' and then thinking of the best way to record this information. They will be solving problems and explaining how they solved the problem and why they chose that method. The children need to know all the pairs of numbers that make 20 and be able to recall them.

- At home, practise reading and writing numbers in digits and words. Practise addition as counting on and subtraction as finding the difference and counting back. Also practise recalling pairs of numbers that make 20, e.g. 20+0, 19+1, 18+2 etc...

Science: We will be answering the following questions in science: What is the same and what is different about the places that plants and animals live? How are things similar and how can I sort them into groups? We will be looking at the similarities and differences in the habitats of plants and animals.

- At home, you can encourage your child to name and find out about different plants and animals. Where do they live? What do they need to survive and grow? How are these things

the same or different to other animals and plants. They could then write a report about an animal or plant to support their learning in both Science and English.

ICT: We are learning how to find information on the computer to help us with our topic work. We will also be learning how to use the digital camera to help record our findings.

- At home, please encourage your child to become more independent when using ICT.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure children have black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps in line with the school policy. No jewellery to be worn on these days. It would be helpful if children brought their kit into school on Monday morning in a small labelled bag which will then be returned on Fridays for washing. On Tuesdays, PE will be outside and children may bring a tracksuit and trainers in addition to their normal PE kit on that day.

Mrs. Godany will be continue to work with Outstanding Owls in the mornings.

Reading: The children will be doing guided reading with the class teacher on a rota basis throughout the week. Reading books will be changed at this time so please remember to return them every day.

Homework: The children will be given homework on Fridays which could be in many different forms but should help to reinforce work they have been learning about that week. They will also be given weekly spellings on a Monday to practise for an informal test the following Monday.

Things to look forward to this term:

Week beginning 1st February International Arts Week

Week beginning 8th March Science week

31st March Easter Coffee Morning

If you have any questions please feel free to talk to us after school when we will have more time to answer your queries.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Allen