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Welcome back to Summer 1!

Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, we hope you had a lovely Easter and didn't eat too much chocolate! Welcome back to school everyone and summer term 1. I hope you have enjoyed your break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning so far. This half term our topic is Paws, Claws and Whiskers. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. We will be enjoying learning about animals big and small, from all around the world. We are excited to meet some of these amazing animals too! Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will continue to be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Reading books will continue in line with our phonics programme. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

We are continuing our daily phonics lessons, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am. You will continue to receive phonics books daily too. Once again please return these to school each day.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

Rebecca Aspinall

Paws, Claws and Whiskers



Big cats, small rats, tiny fleas and buzzing bees!

This half term, we're going to discover that animals come in all shapes and sizes! Meeting an animal expert will allow us to ask and answer questions, share information about the pets we have at home and write animal information booklets. We'll study animal artwork, draw detailed animal pictures to capture their special features and make collages, sculptures and prints. Famous animal fables will make us laugh, and we will have fun reading them aloud. We'll spot similarities and differences between animals, look at different habitats around the world and investigate camouflage. Designing a zoo is even on the agenda!

At the end of our project, we'll share our work with you! An exhibition of our amazing artwork and performances of animal songs, with musical accompaniment, will allow you to take a walk on the wild side with us. We will also share our knowledge of animals and recite amusing rhymes that may include an animal noise or two!

ILP focus	Art & design
English	Recounts, fables, booklets, lists, instructions, nursery rhymes and poems
Art & design	Art appreciation, drawing, collage, model making, painting, sculpture, animal masks
Computing	Retrieving images, photography, using presentation software
D&T	Designing labels, designing and making animal enclosures
Geography	Using and making maps, describing physical features
Music	Animal songs
PE	Animal movement and dance
PSHE	Caring for animals
Science	Animals including humans

Help your child prepare for their project

Animals are amazing! Why not take photos of a favourite pet together and describe their habits, likes and dislikes? You could also put bird food in the garden and visit a local park or nature reserve for a spot of bird watching. Make a note of their markings and features then use a simple spotting book or app to identify different species. Alternatively, visiting the local pet shop or petting zoo would allow you to observe a wide range of different animals.