

## Welcome Back!

### What we are learning this half term.

This half term's topic will be 'Let's Go Wild!' and during the first few days the children will be going on an animal hunt! They will also be invited to bring in their favourite teddy bear from home.

We will be investigating and exploring different types of animals, where they live and learning about being a vet. The children will have opportunities to read some lovely animal themed books and stories in our book nook. We will also be focusing on the children's handwriting this half term by practising and improving their letter formation. We will be writing simple sentences through shared, guided and child-initiated writing.

We will be using a variety of objects to explore weight and patterns, counting objects and matching amounts to numerals and finding different ways of making numbers (including number bonds to 5 and 10).

We are going to be busy, busy, busy!

### How you can help at home.

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week. Talk about the stories you read together and their home/school reading books.

Provide pens and paper for your child to practise their handwriting. They really do love to practise writing their letters and words.

Talk about numbers and counting objects around the home. Ask your child to pass you 3 cups or 4 spoons. When out and about look for numbers on doors, buses and car number plates. Play 'I spy the number' etc. A good website to use is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Ask your child to talk about the changes in the weather and season. Observe the changes around them for example, buds growing on the branches.

### Reminders

- Please remember to check the school website and Facebook for any updates, and home learning activities.
- Please remember Parent's Day is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- Please make sure your child has a warm coat with a hood or a hat to wear as we will still be using our outdoor area for learning.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!
- Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please make sure the children bring them back into school on these days.
- Please help your child to complete their BLT task each week.



## You're a Star!

Name

Achievement

Signature