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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Early Years Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring Term 1 2023

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and we are excited to see them grow and learn this term.

#### Learning Theme

This half term, our learning theme is 'Animals.' We will be learning about animals and where they live around the world. We would love to see pictures of your family's pets or your favourite animals, please send them via seesaw. To find out more about what we will be learning this half term, please see the curriculum overview letter.

#### Belongings

Thank you for making sure your children have the correct, **named** belongings. If they don't have them in school already, please send a named **waterproof** with hood, named **welly boots and either waterproof trousers or a puddle suit**. We will continue to play outside and visit the forest area even when it gets wet and cold. Please make sure everything is named – including gloves! It is very difficult to reunite belongings with their owners when they are not named.



#### Supporting Learning at Home

Thank you very much for recording your child's reading in their diary. We love seeing what your child has read and enjoyed. You may wish to include other books you are reading in their diary – library books, books from home etc. Please continue to read and record (at least!) five reads in your reading diary each week. Book bags need to be in school **every day** as your child will be able to change their story book. Each week, we will check your child's diary and if they have 5 or more reads, they will receive a special sticker. Your child will become even more confident with their reading this term and it is so important to encourage and value their efforts at home. If you would like more support with reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher.

You may wish to choose an 'Animals' themed idea from the suggestions sheet (or think of your own idea). If your child has worked on a home learning project, they can bring in to share or you can send a photo of it via Seesaw, so that it can be shared with the class. Children always love sharing their home learning.

#### Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Lion Learners 'Animal Experience'

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Eid assembly

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Inspire/Take One Picture week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Vision Screening

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – trip to Museum of Zoology / Open Classrooms

February – LGBTQ+ History Month

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 'Be The Rainbow' event after school

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day. Theme: 'Want to talk about it?'

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Class 1 Class Assembly 9.00-9.30am/ End of Spring Term 1

We hope that you and your child have had a very smooth and happy start to 2023. We are always keen to talk with you about your child and their learning so do ask to speak to us at drop-off/pick-up.

Best wishes,

Mrs Griffin, Mr Sapsford, Miss Ellis and Mrs Kabir