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Reception Curriculum Letter

Term 6 Topic - We are Going to the Zoo

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived back to school to find the classrooms has been taken over by zoo animals! They really are everywhere! We kick started the week with the discovery question 'What is a zoo?' The children have been sharing their own experiences of going to a zoo. Over the next few weeks we will add to our zoo role play area where we will take on the roles of both visitors and zoo keepers.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This term we are focusing on non-fiction. We have a huge box of non-fiction books about animals, which we have borrowed from the library. We will learn about the features of a non-fiction book and use them to find out lots about different zoo animals. We are going to create our own fact files; each week the focus will be on a different animal. We will use the books and the internet to research each animal.

Maths

This term we are revisiting some skills we have learnt this year. We will revisit comparison, counting, number patterns and number facts. We will compare groups of objects and decide which has more and which has less. We will revisit those important skills in counting carefully and continue to find the pairs of numbers that total 5. This is something you could work on at home with your child. You can use your fingers or practical objects to find all the different ways of making 5. When this is secure you could move up to 10. For example, you say 'if I have 3 (show 3 fingers) how many more do you need to make 5? Encourage your child to hold up 2 fingers. Then say the sentence '3 and 2 makes 5 altogether'. You can repeat this until you have found all the ways of making 5 and then move on the making 10.

PE

Our PE lessons this term will be on Tuesday and a Wednesday. On Tuesday we will practise on the field for sports day and on Wednesday we will learn a country dance which we will perform at the Summer fayre.

Please make sure your child has their kit in school and all clothing is clearly labelled (even shoes).



PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment)

Mrs Brooks will continue to have PPA time every Tuesday afternoon and Miss Heathcote will be out of class every Wednesday afternoon for PPA.

Home learning

Please continue with all the fantastic hard work you are doing with reading and phonemes practice. It is important to keep going over the letter sounds and keywords. Your child should now be able make words consisting of 5 sounds such as blank, swing and words containing the digraphs such as thing, swish, munch. This will really help them develop their blending and segmenting skills. *Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day.*

Warmer weather

As the weather gets warmer please apply sun cream in the morning and provide a hat and a bottle of WATER. Both items need to be named.

We are looking forward to a busy, exciting final term in Reception. There is a lot going on, please keep any eye on the weekly newsletters for information about upcoming events such as sports day and the Summer fayre. Thank you for all of your support this year, the children really have had a great first year at Paxcroft and they have all been fantastic!

Mrs Brooks, Mrs Hughes, Miss Heathcote and Mr Delaney

