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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a lovely break despite the weather. As usual, we have a busy half term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children. Our topic this half term is 'The Natural World' and the children will be learning about a range of different animals including what they look like, where they live and what they eat. If you have any books, resources or photographs of animals that your child would like to share with the class we would love to see them – please ensure these are named so they can be safely returned. The table below shows which animals we are learning about each week.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
<u>Reptiles and Amphibians</u>	<u>Small mammals</u>	<u>Large mammals</u>	<u>Primates</u>	<u>Birds</u>	
Crocodile Frog Snake Tortoise	Pig Pony Sheep Goat Giant anteater Wallaby Red panda Porcupine Sloth Otter	Lion Rhino Leopard Zebra Giraffe Camels Wallaby	Range of monkeys Lemur Gorilla	Emu Ostrich Vulture Owl Parrot Penguin Stork Flamingo Crane	Trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park

The attached overview provides more detail about what the children will be learning across the different areas of the reception curriculum.

This half term our PE will be led by Top Corner coaching (class teachers will also be in the sessions). Our PE day is Wednesday morning – the children still DO NOT need pumps at the moment.

*****Key dates coming up*****

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March – the children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite story and bring the book into school to share with a friend. We have lots of other exciting book related activities arranged for the day. Please remember to wear a **warm coat** and **school shoes** on this day as we will be going outside at playtimes.

Sports Relief Day – Friday 13th March – letter to follow

Mother's Day present room – Friday 20th March – letter to follow

Reception eye tests – Tuesday 24th March – these are routine checks carried out by the school nurse for all reception-aged children

Learning reviews – Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March – details on how to book a time slot will be sent out in due course

Cotswold Wildlife Park trip – Monday 30th March – please refer to the letter sent out on the 30th January for further information

Easter service – Friday 3rd April – the whole school will be attending an Easter service at St Mary Magdalene's church. We will need some parent volunteers to help walk the children to the church. Unfortunately, due to space, only parents that help walk will be able to attend the service. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help on the day (we leave at approximately 9.30am and return at 11.30am) and all names will be put into a hat (DBS checked parents and volunteers will take priority).

Please remember that we are very keen to see what the children are learning at home. Therefore, if your child does something for the first time, has a special experience or if they do something that makes you go wow, please add this to their Tapestry account. We would really like to share these moments with the children too and it all helps contribute to the learning journey that we need to have of your child.

Kind regards

The Reception Team



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