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Easter Holiday Topic Homework

Dear Families,

Another term has whizzed by and we are now over half way through the year. We've had a great term learning about planting and growing and the children have been really engaged with their learning, which is wonderful to see. They have worked hard and should be proud of themselves.

Our topic after the Easter holiday is called 'Animal Safari' – We will learn about incredible animals that live worldwide. We will explore various animal habitats and compare the animals that live there with animals in their locality. We will learn how to care for pets and what all animals need to grow, survive and stay happy and healthy. We will explore animal features and find out how they survive in the wild. We will compare the ways that animals are similar and different.

We have created a Topic Overview to give you a taste of everything we will be covering next term, including how you can help your child at home. This overview is also available on the school website.

In preparation for our topic, we would like both Nursery and Reception children to complete one piece of good quality topic homework which needs to be brought into school on the first day back – Tuesday 22nd April. Each child is encouraged to share and discuss their work with a group of peers before we incorporate it into a topic display.

Topic Homework

- 1) Thread cubes of bread, apple, hard cheese and raisins onto thin wire to make a bird food kebab. Join the top of the wire to create a loop. Attach string to the top and hang it in a tree or from a fence. Take photographs of the birds that visit and add them to the box below.
- 2) Choose your favourite animal. Draw a picture of it, and explain why it is your favourite.
- 3) Look at some pictures of beautiful patterned animals. Draw or paint your favourite animal pattern.
- 4) Choose your favourite unusual animal to find out about. Draw it and find out some facts about it.
- 5) Make a model of an animal from construction, clay or playdough.

Please encourage your child to share stories with you every day as this really helps with their language and literacy development. Reception children should also continue to read their reading books. In maths this term, we have been practising our addition and ability to recognise pairs of numbers that make 10; the White Rose 1 Minute Maths app is really good for practicing this.

After the holiday, homework for the Reception children will change slightly. In preparation for Year 1 and to help with the routines that they have in Unicorn class, the children will be bringing homework home in two activity booklets, maths and phonics. The activities they need to complete each week will be posted on Class Dojo. They will have a week to complete the activities and then they will need to be returned for marking ready to be sent out again. This will start on Tuesday 22nd April. Please can I remind you that it is an expectation that all children will complete these tasks as independently as possible. Please do read instructions or explain tasks as appropriate but try to get



them to have a go at it independently and then go through it with your child afterwards to explain any misconceptions.

Finally, our routines for reading with the Reception children have changed slightly and whilst we are still changing books on a Thursday, we are now trying to read with a few children everyday to spread this out across the week. It would really help if the children had their books every day so that we can record our school reading in their reading diaries. We will still read with them even if they don't have their books/reading diary, we just won't be able to record this for you to see. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

We hope you have a lovely, restful holiday.

Best wishes

The Pegasus Team

