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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
the best we can be.'*

20th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter holiday. I have heard many wonderful stories from the children about their time off and it's great to see them returning to school with smiles on their faces, ready for the new term ahead.

We are very excited about our new IPC topic, which is:

ANIMALS!

Throughout the course of the term the children will learn all about different kinds of animals. They will play animal games, engage in animal role play, listen to animal stories, make animal homes and explore their own animal hospital in the classroom.

Summer Term Learning Overview

Literacy	In phonics the children will continue to learn Phase 3 sounds and apply them to reading and writing. They will also continue practicing reading and writing different high frequency words. The children will use the knowledge learned in phonics and develop independent writing skills. Reading will also continue being a big focus during this summer term. The more confident your child is in reading high frequency words and recognising the phase 3 phonics sounds, the easier they will find reading.
Maths	In math's the children will focus on: Different ways of making 10, halving numbers, doubling numbers, addition, subtraction, skip counting in 2's, 5's, 10's, measuring time and understanding the value of a penny vs. a pound coin.
RE	In RE our unit of focus is called; <i>Salvation; How did Jesus rescue people who were afraid?</i> In this unit we will be focusing on our emotions and relating them to various stories from the Bible.

Reminders

Spellings	Each Friday the children will be sent home with a list of high frequency words to practise reading and writing. The following Friday they will practise writing these words as a class. We are almost through the list of 100 HFW's and will begin repeating words we have done already.
Reading	The children now have a reading book suitable to their own reading level. Books are changed every Friday so please ensure red bags along with the book and reading record are in school on this day. The children should read these books a few times a week and in addition, parents should continue to read books to their child. Practising reading the high frequency words will also support your child's reading ability.

Key Date

During the summer term we plan on visiting a farm to further support our learning about animals. Reception's trip will be on **Friday 11th May 2018** and we will leave the school just after 9:00. We will need several parent volunteers. Closer to the date we will post a signup sheet for volunteers to add their names to if you wish to come along to support us. If we don't have enough volunteers we will not be able to go.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to us after school or to arrange an appointment.

Yours Sincerely

The Early Years Team