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Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break; it was a pleasure to see the children smiling and eager to return to their learning on the first day back! The summer term really is an exciting one for us here, packed with plenty of enjoyable learning. Your involvement in your child's education is crucial and we value your partnership in helping them reach their full potential. Please spend some time to read about the learning your child will be doing this term and find out how you can best support them.

Our themes this term are 'Marvellous Minibeasts' (Summer 1) and 'Wherever We Will Go: Journeys' (Summer 2). In the first half of the term, we will immerse the children in the topic by exploring the world of little creatures that inhabit our beautiful natural environment. By reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books and through the daily engaging activities, we will learn to name some insects and their body parts as well as create some fun fact files about favourite ones. This will potentially stimulate children's thinking about the wider natural world where plants, animals and humans are all connected. So we will have opportunities for hands-on experiences of planting and looking after our environment. In the second half of the term, children will go on virtual journeys by reading stories, watching videos and role playing to explore the wider world! We will look at maps and what lies beyond our immediate environments, and we will also discuss modes of transport around the world. We are planning to take our Reception children on educational school trips to enhance their learning of these topics as well as provide them with memorable learning experiences.

As reading and writing are some of the most important skills taught in Reception, we will continue with our daily phonics sessions. We review our sounds on a daily basis, apply our blending skills to decode words, and segment words to write them down. It is very important to listen to your child read their book out to you daily as this will help them develop fluency and accuracy. Also, please encourage your child to write captions, short messages or even a short shopping list. Please continue to support your child with their weekly reading books and sign/comment in their reading records. Reading books are changed **every Wednesday**. Please remember that your child will not get a new reading book if the previous reading book (from last week) isn't in your child's reading bag. We really encourage you to read frequently with your child to promote a love of reading in school.

In Mathematics we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers 1-20 by adding, subtracting, representing, comparing, doubling and sharing equally. We will also focus on identifying patterns around us and creating our own patterns. Please encourage your child to practise number bonds to 5 and then to 10. Towards the end of the term, we will look at 2D shapes and 3D shapes and talk about their properties using mathematical language.

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In RE we will be exploring the two questions : "How did Jesus rescue people?" and "Who cares for this special world?" Children will develop and share their ideas and thoughts during our discussions whilst we read and watch stories from the Bible.

Dance will continue to take place every Wednesday morning. Makeba's dance session is from 9:00 am – 9:30 am, and Hawkins session is from 9:30 am – 10:00 am. Children have various opportunities to express themselves through dance and music as well as learn moves and exercise enthusiastically. Everyday children have access to the outdoor area where they engage in activities to develop their gross motor skills by climbing, sliding, football, bikes etc.

Expressive art and design is taught weekly when we as a class discuss and model a specific skill. We encourage children to explore materials and media and to develop and refine their ideas by selecting resources and manipulating them.

We appreciate your continued support to your child at home, and please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bdeir and Miss Shah

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