



Spring Grove Primary School

January 2018

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back after the holidays! It's been lovely to see the children return to school so enthusiastically. Overleaf you will find details of the topics and learning objectives for this term.

We begin with 'Animals', (including humans) and where appropriate, all our learning will be linked through this topic to allow the children's knowledge to become more integrated and meaningful. We will be examining a range of classifications by habitats, feeding and types. We will so be looking at the stages of endangered/extinct and what this means.

There is a project for the children to do, which includes researching their favourite animal and creating a shoebox diorama to show facts on their chosen animal. These will be displayed after the children have spoken about them and been asked questions.

After half term, we move on to 'What was it like to be a child in Victorian times?' Although the topic has a history focus, we will also be exploring Victorian times through art, design and technology, literacy, science, music, PE and drama. The children and their own lives will be at the centre of this topic as we will constantly compare and contrast our lives now to the lives of the Victorian children we are learning about. We will hopefully have a trip to Milestone Museum where Victorian life is brought to life.

The children may choose 2 books from our class library to read at home; one chapter and 1 picture book; these books can be changed at any time. You are very welcome to come in and choose with your child after school. Each week your child will also bring home a book they have read with an adult, usually in a small group. Please reread these books at home and make a comment in the Reading Record book. You are also welcome to record any other books that you have shared with your child.

Year 1 have PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school at all times, with all items clearly labelled, especially plimsoles. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and earrings are removed or taped. Jewellery should not be worn. We will be having tennis. This will take place outside after half term.

Bottles of water and healthy snacks can be brought into school every day for the children to eat at playtime.

We will be starting spelling homework, which will come home on a Friday to be learnt over the week. The following Friday children will need to bring the spellings back for the test, which is dictated as a sentence or two, using all the spelling words. These will be done on the back of the spelling sheet so you can see how well they did, along with the following weeks spelling. We will also be starting 'Talk for writing' - a picture or web clip will be sent home on a Monday for you to talk to your child about ideas and vocabulary. The children will then write stories on Wednesday.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hambrier and Mrs Brown