



20th April 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back and I hope you all have a restful Easter break. Our theme this term will be: Hear the Lion Roar. We are focusing on how environments, habitats and communities differ around the world. We are also going to be discussing how we look after ourselves and the environment.

As summer approaches your child may require a named hat. If it is a hot day, could we also ask you to apply sun cream at home before your child comes to school. At school we encourage all children to be independent and take care of and look after their own belongings. If for some reason your child hasn't brought a spare water bottle into school before then we kindly ask that you bring one in, especially as we approach the summer months.

I have appreciated those children who have uploaded pictures of their growing plants to their learning journals. If the plants have yet to be returned to school, please do so as we wish to plant them out. The online learning journals are a valuable learning tool. While some pictures and videos are put up to share the school environment, many are annotated with NS, which stands for next step – the next target for the child. I also sometimes put up comments on things that individual children need to work on at home.

As many parents were interested in a writing workshop, this will be happening on the 2nd of May. We will be discussing the skills needed for writing and how children progress in the reception year.

This will be followed by some more stay and play sessions in the following week. These will focus on writing and will be an opportunity to see some of the ways we develop children's narrative, writing and language skills. Each day will have a different focus. If you wish to attend please mark down your preferred morning.

Dates for diary are below and parents reading list and curriculum map attached.

Kind regards
Miss Dolan

Tuesday 2nd of May 2017: Writing workshop in Class R at 14:15pm.

Monday 8th – Friday 12th of May 2017: Stay and Play sessions.

Thursday 25th of May 2017: Class R will be going to Wendover Woods to do the Gruffalo Trail and to observe various habitats. If you would like to volunteer to come with us on this day, please do so by putting a note in the children's communication book.