

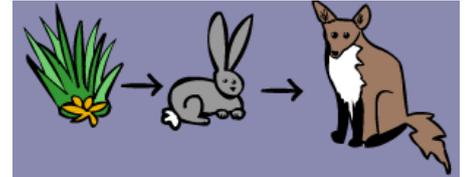
16th April 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a delightful Easter holiday and have had time to relax with family and friends! This half-term, our topic is '**Jaws, Paws and Claws.**' As this suggests, this topic is focused upon animals and their similarities and differences to each other.

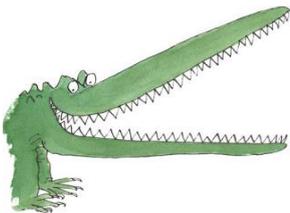
Please be aware that towards the end of this half-term the children will be involved in End of Key Stage One assessments which are statutory for all Year Two children.

(More details to follow soon when we hold a meeting to explain how they are administered in school.) We would appreciate it if you could ensure that they have good attendance at school as much as possible during this time and that you help them by providing a good healthy breakfast as well as trying to adhere to a reasonable bedtime so that they are not too tired the following day!



Week 1/2: Food Chains

This week, we shall become experts about the classification of different animals and be able to recognize the common features of birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, insects and of course mammals. We shall also further develop our understanding of these different creatures by looking at the different habitats we might find them in. Importantly, we shall be learning about food chains and how animals depend upon each other's survival in order to eat.



Week 3/4: The Enormous Crocodile

As you are aware, one of our recent homework tasks was to research crocodiles by looking at their habitats, life-style and diet. During this period of time, we shall be looking at one of Roald Dahl's well-loved stories 'The Enormous Crocodile.' We shall be examining the character of the crocodile in detail and considering whether there is a reason he became so mean! To contrast with this we shall also be reading 'The Selfish Crocodile' by Faustin Charles which is the story of a mean crocodile who changes his behaviour because of the actions of a friendly mouse.

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Week 5/6: Animal habitats

During this period of time we are going to be thinking about animal habitats and how they are best suited for the animals that live there, big or small by both their environment and their dietary needs.

How You Can Help!

- Bring in photographs, information books or illustrations to share about the animals we are learning about or others of which they know.
- Go to the library and find out about different types of animals. E.g. What is special about a reptile? Is there anything about them that is different to a mammal? How do you know? Could you explain to a friend as an expert? Could you create a fact-file about them?
- Make a model of an animal which you are particularly interested in or are an expert about!
- Have you any interesting animals which you would like to bring into school to discuss and share with the children? Please see your child's class teacher if you do! We would love to see them!!



Dates for your Diary

- **Thursday 26th April 2018** – End of Key Stage Assessment Parents information meeting at 2.50pm
- **Monday 7th May 2018** – BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)

Thank you again for all the support you continue to give to your children and by extension to the school! It is very much appreciated!

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