

## HANDCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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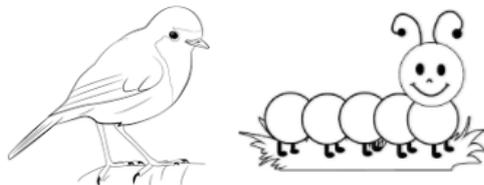
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## Summer term 2018

Dear all,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are ready for a fun-filled term of learning! We are writing to give you a bit more information about the coming term. Our two topics this term are 'Creepers and Crawlers' in the first half and 'Ocean Deep' in the second half. You can find more details about what the children will be learning about this half term on the curriculum map attached.

### Important Reminders

Please ensure that coats, jumpers, water bottles, book bags, reading diaries and, where applicable, Spellodrome diaries come into school every morning and that all personal possessions are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please remember to check your child's book bag every day for letters or other important information.

Please continue to let your child's class teacher know if someone else is picking up your child at the end of the school day. We will not let children go with another adult unless their class teacher has been told in advance.

### Home Learning

Children will continue to be given spelling and maths homework each Thursday. Their folders should be returned every Monday morning. Ongoing practise of key skills at home is **vital** to support the progress made in school.

Please support your child by checking through their maths homework with them and discussing / correcting with them as needed. We expect children to use Spellodrome and / or practise spellings by hand and read to an adult most evenings. Please note that just a short period of reading (just 10-15 minutes is enough) combined with good quality discussion about what they have read will be invaluable for helping your child make more progress in reading.

If you would like some tips or advice for supporting learning at home, please speak to your child's class teacher. Children will continue to be rewarded for reading at home at least 5 times a week for 6 weeks so please ensure that you record reading in your child's yellow diary. Some children may even like to start completing the diary themselves! We expect children to change their reading book every morning, if needed. If you could remind your child to do this on their way into school that would be very helpful. Thank you.

### **Reading Helpers**

We would love some extra help listening to children read in school! If you are able and willing to help on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm until home time, then please do let your child's class teacher know.

### **Summer Days... fingers crossed!**

Now that the days *should* start getting warmer it is very important that your child drinks plenty of water. Please send your child to school each day with a named bottle filled with water. Juice drinks will only be allowed as an additional drink at lunchtime. On sunny days your child should come to school wearing sun cream. They can also bring in sun cream to apply during the day and a sunhat and sunglasses to wear outside at playtimes.

### **Educational Visits**

Without parent contributions we cannot take the children on school trips or organise special in-school events. We are, however, very mindful of the present economic climate and know that the cost of such experiences can be expensive, especially as admission and travel costs have increased dramatically in recent years. We have therefore included information about contributions requested this term.

As you know, we are taking the children to Wakehurst Place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. In the second half of term we will be taking the children to Brighton Sealife Centre to support our 'Ocean Deep' topic. The estimated cost for this trip is £15. A letter about the trip will be sent nearer the time and no payment is expected now.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Davies and Miss Palmer