



## Oughton Primary and Nursery School

### Our topic is: Living Things

Welcome back to what is going to be an extremely busy and exciting Summer Term.

Our topic for the first half term is *Amazing Animals*. As usual, we will take a lead from the interests of the children but we will no doubt be learning about mini-beasts, wild animal and farm animals, creatures under the sea and plants. We are hoping to invite visitors in to allow the children to have first-hand experiences of some unusual animals.

The children will be learning about life cycles, different habitats and environments as well as how to take of both wild and domestic animals.



The second topic the children voted for this term is *Journeys*, which we will cover in the second part of the term. During this topic will be looking at transport past and present, going on a journey and writing a recount and designing our own mode of transport, amongst lots of other exciting things.

#### Ways to help your child:

**Reading:** Thank you for your support in listening to the children read at home. We continue to be thrilled with their progress. Please ensure that you comment or initial in their reading diary so that we know the book has been read and can be changed. Reading opportunities are everywhere - signs, notices, magazines etc. Talk lots- model asking questions and finding answers- encourage your child to be an explorer!

**Maths:** Count everything! Forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Play board games such as snakes and ladders that have counting in them. Recognising numbers in the environment.

**Home Learning:** Our home learning activities will be shared on Teams once a fortnight. If you need a paper copy, please let me know.

#### This term we will be finding out about:

- Plants, new life, growth and change over time
- The natural world: looking at the features of living things
- Planting seeds and talking about how they grow
- Developing our imagination and creating stories based on our structured play themes 'The Rainforest' and 'The Vets'.
- Creating pictures of animals that live in the rainforest, exploring colour and developing our knowledge of the natural world
- Voice sounds and blending the sounds in simple words as part of our Phonics Program
- Reading stories and singing songs about the jungle and its animals and insects
- Reading non-fiction books about plants, new life and how we grow and change
- Listening to others and recalling our own experiences during our discussion time
- How, when, why and where questions

*We will learn to write complete sentences which can be read by others.*

Please see our website for more detailed information under Curriculum and each subject and EYFS.

P.E. will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please send your child in with a **named** pair of plain black shorts and a **named** plain white t-shirt along with **named** plimsolls as we will be starting PE outside later this term. Also, please check that their plimsolls still fit! For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed.

#### Some dates for this term

17<sup>th</sup> May: Reception Celebration Assembly to Parents at 2:45pm

26<sup>th</sup> May: Jubilee Celebration in school.

27<sup>th</sup> May: Inset Day - no children in school

Half term: 30<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June

15<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS Sports Morning (reserve 22<sup>nd</sup> June)

14<sup>th</sup> July- Transition day

21<sup>st</sup> July - last day of term

Parents Speech and Language workshop / Trip to Woburn and Zoo Lab visitor - dates to be confirmed