



Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half - 2019

## Happy New Year!

### Welcome back!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new year and new school term. It is a cold term – especially during the first part so please ensure your child is sent to school with warm clothes – hat, scarf, gloves and coat. We use the outside space for a number of tasks so please ensure your child is well equipped!

Thank you to everyone that has provided wellies for class, if you have not done so we would appreciate it.



### Important Dates

- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Reptile visitors in class
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – Trip to Pets@Home (Deers)
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Trip to Pets@Home (Owls)
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January – INSET DAY
- Week beg 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – whole school Arts week
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last day of half term

Please continue to check the home books daily for additional events or information.

### Staff

Deer class teacher – Gemma Storey

Owl class teacher – Steve Ashton

### Topic - 'Our Pets'

As you may have guessed – Our Topic this half term is 'Our pets'. You would have received a message requesting pictures of your child with their pets. We are even encouraging all our staff to join in the fun!

To help at home we would encourage the children to help with the care of any pets you have e.g. feeding, walking, grooming.

Also, you could visit your local pet shop and discuss the pets there.

### English

We continue to focus on reading and questioning skills daily. Please try to read with your child at home and think about the questions you can ask them relating to the story.

This half term we are looking at information texts (mainly about Pets) and thinking about the features of them e.g. contents, titles, information they give us etc. If your child has a non-fiction book at home then please send it to school and we will share it together.

### Maths & Number

In Maths this half term we are focusing on 'measures'. We will be learning about long and short and ordering different sizes. Some key vocabulary we will be using is; big, small, tall, short and measure.

At home you can support our learning with simple activities such as ordering people by height, grouping small/big things together or looking for tall/short trees etc.

There is also a collection of big & small programmes if you visit;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nkbxp>

Have fun!

