



**FRANCES OLIVE ANDERSON  
Church of England (Aided) School**



*'Being different, Belonging together'*

February 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, this term our topic is 'Beast creator', looking at the mini beast, the role they play in the environment and their habitats. We hope this will be fun and we have lots of exciting activities planned, towards the end of the term we are going to be creating insect houses so may need some offcuts of wood etc.

### Homework

This term we will be continuing to work through our Maths Revision guides and spellings will be sent home on a Friday. With new curriculum expectations, it is vital that the children secure their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Regular practice at home is extremely important and the children will be tested weekly using a times tables challenge activity to assess their progress.

### Reading

Reading at home is essential and comments in the reading diary relating to this are very useful. During Upper Key Stage 2 children go through a critical transformation as readers. During KS1 & Lower KS2 children are taught to decode, recognise key sight words, comprehend simple texts, and read with some degree of fluency. During Years 5 & 6, it is still important for children to read every day, they must consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

### PE

This term PE will continue to be swimming on a Monday afternoon and football, with Coach Gemma on a Tuesday morning.

A reminder that school PE kit should be worn. Suitable footwear is also required for outdoor games. A change of footwear and suitable socks are very important as many of the lessons will be on the field. It is advisable to leave earrings and jewellery at home on swimming and P.E. days. Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.

### Curriculum Overview.

**RE-** Symbols in worship

**Topic** (Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art)- Beast Creator.

**Science-** Circle of life- looking at animal/ insect life cycle

### Water Bottles.

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that parents/carers play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,  
Mr S Cook