



This term our topic is 'Why do zebras have stripes?'

**Topic** - We will be learning about animals that you may see on Safari. The books we will be reading are 'We all went on safari' 'Walking through the jungle' 'Dear Zoo' 'Rumble in the jungle' and 'Flip flap Safari'. We are also going on a class trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, see separate letter for all the information.

**Maths** - In Mathematics we will continue to cover the Early Learning Goal Objectives: To count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Use quantities and objects to add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. Solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.

**Phonics** - In Phonics we will be continuing to learn lots of new sounds. In Literacy we will be doing lots of independent writing, we will be working to meet the Early Learning Goal Objectives: To write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

**Home reading books** - Please write in the record book every time your child practises the book at home with you. Your child is expected to read at **least three times a week**. Please have the reading book and reading record in school every day. Each time your child reads at home and school they receive a sticker in their reading chart. Please help us with encouraging your child to read as often as possible to aid their learning. Tricky words will be checked each time your child reads to an adult at school, when your child has learnt them they will be assessed and given the next set of tricky words. Please be aware that after your children has learnt each set of tricky words they will return to the first set to check if they have retained the words. **Please keep the pack inside your child's book bag, they need it at school every day.**

Every Tuesday morning, we will have Mrs Wilson teach us Religious Education and Music.

**Collective Worship** - This term the theme of Collective Worship is 'Service'. Children who are seen to be showing this value will be nominated to receive the Tully Cup on a Friday.

**TOPIC HOMEWORK** - For your project this term please research a safari animal, you might find out information, make a poster, draw a picture, write a sentence about it or make a 3D model. The choice is yours! Please bring in your finished projects before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Homework projects are shown to the whole school in Friday assemblies.

#### Don't Forget...

- Our PE day is Thursday, please ensure kits are in school on this day.  
PE kit should include - t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls, socks, joggers, jacket/jumper and trainers. Earrings must be removed or covered and long hair tied back.
- You can come in your own clothes on your Birthday! If your Birthday falls at a weekend or in the holidays, choose the day closest to your birthday.
- Please label **all** uniform and PE kit - including shoes and coats.
- Children can bring a named water bottle in each day to access throughout the day - **only water in these please**.

#### Wow Cards

Attached to this letter are 2 WOW cards please keep these safe. These cards are for you to fill in special moments you have observed your child achieve out of school. This could be learning to play a sport, achieving an award, writing independently or learning something new in Maths! Fill in the form and it will be placed on our WOW Wall in the classroom, please feel free to attach a photograph or the evidence of writing etc to accompany the WOW moment! When you run out, let us know and more can be sent home.

#### Reminders

Remember to bring a raincoat every day, we go outside **whatever the weather!!**

**As the weather begins to get warmer please send your child with a named sun hat and sun cream.**

Follow us on Twitter! - Our class has a Twitter page which is updated regularly with photos and information about what we have been learning.  
Our Twitter name is @YearRLea

Please do not hesitate to come and ask if you have any other queries or questions.

Many thanks

Miss Ward and the Reception Team

