



## **Buttercup class Newsletter**

### **Summer 1**

#### **AMAZING ADVENTURES/WILD WILDLIFE**

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a relaxing Easter holiday and were able to enjoy some of the sunshine in amongst all the rain. The topic for this half term is called Wild Wildlife and Amazing Adventures. We will be focusing on the jungle habitats and animals. A topic map is attached so you can see the activities and learning objectives we will be covering in more detail.

A new homework grid has been stuck into the children's purple homework books and is also available on the Buttercup class page of the school website.

### **Mystery reader**

Last year Buttercups really valued and were thrilled by the mystery reader sessions. We are hoping to run these again this year. Every week a different parent can sign up and come in to read a story of their choice to Buttercups. You might want to choose one of your child's favourite books. A timetable to sign up can be found in the office with Mrs Rigby. Alternatively please speak to Miss Batty or I and we can sign you up for the slot.

If you sign up for a slot please don't tell your child as it will be a greater surprise for them and create more of a buzz about reading for the class. You can choose any book to read. It has been fun to hear new stories that we have not read to the children. If you speak another language in addition to English, it would be wonderful if you could read a story in your home language. Mystery reader sessions are every Tuesday afternoon at 3pm.

### **Name writing**

The children are gaining confidence in using and remembering to write their surnames. We will continue to practise this during this summer term.

### **PE Kits**

We will be holding some PE sessions outside this half term. Please could you check that your child has trainers and an outside jumper to wear outside during PE?

### **Warm Weather Preparation**

As summer approaches and the warm weather arrives please could you make sure your child brings a water bottle, sun hat and sun-cream to school. I will make sure they reapply any sun-cream before lunch time. It is still important that they bring rain jackets, especially as the rain can be unpredictable in the summer and Buttercup class will be holding more learning sessions outside.

### **Lost Uniform**

I have been encouraging the children to hang their cardigans and jumpers up on their pegs as soon as they take them off. Unfortunately sometimes they still do leave them on the floor. Please gently remind them about putting their belongings on their pegs. Many of the name labels are now very faint and it is extremely difficult to tell who the jumper/cardigan belongs to. Please check the labels on your child's clothing and reapply their names if needed. I have a growing pile of unclaimed jumpers and cardigans with no names on them. They are hanging up near the Buttercup garden door next to the waterproof garden suits. Please feel free to have a look and take any you feel are yours.



### **Fitzwilliam Museum Trip**

In association with Cambridge University and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Reception children will be going to the museum and completing activities led by Miss Batty and the Museum Education Officer on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The children are working on creating their art work to display in their very own art gallery. More information on this is recorded below. This should really inspire the children with their topic learning. Please could they come with a lunch box, water bottle and change of clothes in a little backpack?

### **Art Gallery**

You are welcome to come and attend Buttercup's art gallery on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm. Their special paintings, sculptures and writing will be displayed for you to view. This will be a lovely opportunity for your children to share their learning with you.

### **Class assembly**

Buttercups will take the school assembly on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9:05am. You are all welcome to attend. The children will share their learning experiences from the start of this half term. You will then be able to come back to the classroom to look at their learning journeys/books and have tea and coffee with Mrs Blackburn-Maze afterwards. Looking with the children at their learning journeys before Easter they were really surprised at how much they have learnt and developed since September.

### **Garden help**

If any of you are keen gardeners and would like to volunteer an afternoon or a couple of afternoons to help to develop the garden with the children, please let me know as this would be greatly appreciated!

### **Readers**

If you had any time and would like to come in and read with the children or complete reading games, please let me know.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me. I am really looking forward to this topic and the upcoming learning opportunities it will provide the children.

Kindest regards  
Miss Liz Kerr and Miss Batty