



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to the Summer term, I hope you had a great Easter break and are raring to go. We're now looking forward to summer and our trips to Windsor Castle and Hounslow Urban Farm.

### **Communication, Language & Literacy**

Phase 5 phonics lessons continue with activities related to the sounds and spellings we are learning. We start the term looking at different animals and researching in different ways to find information, using a variety of media. We will be using our class trips to Windsor Castle and Hounslow Urban Farm to write our own recounts, using time conjunctions, ambitious adjectives and a range of punctuation.

### **Maths**

The children are developing their skills using money, buying items and finding the change in practical ways. We also look at how to solve mathematical problems and record how they have done this. Later in the term we revise number and calculating using written and practical methods to solve division questions. In Term 6 we revise our knowledge of data handling, ways to collect information and how to transfer it into charts and graphs.

### **Place and Time**

This term our topic is 'Weather Patterns' in which we will be learning about climate around the world, weather measuring instruments and extreme weather such as tsunamis and earthquakes. In term 6, we will be learning about the developments within the 21<sup>st</sup> century including the expansion of the computer age, the development of motor vehicles and the impact of this on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. We will also learn about the history of cycling and the Tour de France.

### **Science and Technology**

This term we will be learning about Seasonal Change and Animal Life Cycles. We will look at changes in weather throughout the seasons and the impact this has on animals and their lifecycles. Specifically, we will learn about the life cycle of a frog and will create our own 'frog hotel' in technology. After half term we move on to learn about green plants. We will learn about key parts of a flower and the function of each element.

### **Physical Development**

We will use our agility and coordination already learnt to focus on skills required in Athletics. We begin with ensuring we are running efficiently and learn about the variety of distances and key attributes needed. We learn to throw the discus, javelin and shot putt as well as jumping in a variety of ways, increasing their awareness of speed distance and accuracy. Children will also take part in challenges and competitions against themselves and their classmates. We are also lucky enough to continue our specialist dance teaching with Mrs Lucas where we will be learning about French styles of dance.

### **Citizenship and Ethics**

In term 5 we will be looking at why rules and laws are made. We will discuss the difference between right and wrong, and the importance of taking turns. In Term 6, we move on to morals through stories and fables such as the Hare and the Tortoise.

**Art and Creativity**

Through our French theme, we will be creating our own Eiffel towers. Children also have opportunities to investigate with a variety of instruments as well as being creative through role play and drama within our Language and Literacy work.

**Faith and Belief**

This term we will be learning about Judaism. We will be learning to empathise with Jewish children by understanding what they do during Shabbat and why it is important to them. In term 6, we will continue to learn about Judaism and will look at the Jewish festival, Chanukah.

**Homework**

Well done with the great reading with your child on a daily basis, this is making a huge impact, keep it up! Phonics homework will continue and in the lead up to the phonics screening, some additional phonics activities may be sent home. Any queries or questions, please feel free to see us or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Best regards for the coming term.

*Miss Quinby*

Useful websites to share with your child:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/science.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/science.shtml)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey/>

[http://www.exploratorium.edu/listen/online\\_activities.php](http://www.exploratorium.edu/listen/online_activities.php)