

Class 2

The Bliss Charity School



Term 5



Dear parent/ carers,

I hope that you have all had a refreshing Easter break and had time to enjoy the fine weather. This class newsletter contains lots of information about our new topic and what Class 2 will be doing in Term 5.

Mrs. Newton



Term 5 Topic: *Amazing Animals*



Our new theme for this term is a science-based topic called 'Amazing Animals'. We began on the first day back by holding a pet day, where selected animals were brought into the classroom for the children to learn about their features and needs for survival. We were lucky enough to be visited by a puppy, two guinea pigs, some geckos, a chicken, some snails and even a horse! The class were also given the opportunity to share their animal project homework with their peers and we were very impressed with the effort that had gone into creating such interesting work.

The class will now focus on classifying animals into different groups according to their features and diet. They will also discover the lifecycle of some animals and how they are adapted to survive in their natural environment. The children will be visiting the playing fields and creating their own maps to record signs of wildlife, as well as having the opportunity to design and create a bug hotel. The topic will finish with an exciting visit from *RaptorXotics*, who will be bringing in mini beasts, lizards and birds from the rainforest!

In literacy, the children will begin by studying the features of non-chronological reports. Each child will then create their own report about an animal they have researched using the I pads. Class 2's literacy lessons will then focus on the book 'The Woolly Mammoth' where the children will be identifying the features of a set of instructions. This knowledge will then lead to the pupils creating their own set of instructions independently. This term, the children will also have the opportunity to create a diary entry in the role of an animal researcher and to write a recount about the exciting visit from *RaptorXotics*. After the SATs, the children will end the term by writing their own exciting animal stories based around the book 'The Perfect Pet'.

During our numeracy lessons, the children will continue to strengthen their understanding of the four operations, as well as their ability to find fractions of shapes and numbers. In addition to number work, the class will also be practising reading the time, recalling the features of 2D and 3D shapes and creating given amounts of money in a variety of ways.

SATs ...

As you will be aware, the children will be completing their SATs papers this term. We have scheduled these tests to take place during the week commencing 7th May 2019.

We would kindly ask that you try to ensure that your child is in school for the whole of this week.

The results from the SATs paper will be used as evidence to provide a final teacher assessment grade.

The results of these assessments will be communicated to you in your child's school report at the end of the year.

Helping your child at home ...

As always, the children will be given a new set of spellings and *My Maths* homework every Monday.

In addition to this homework, it is also vital that your child reads as much as possible at home – ideally five times a week.

When reading with your child, it is important for them to read at a quick and steady pace, as well as answering simple comprehension questions to ensure they have understood what they are reading.

In the lead up to the SATs, your child may be given additional revision homework. If your child is not currently receiving such homework and you wish for them to be given these resources, then please come and see me.

Class 2 information ...

As the weather is improving, most PE lessons will take place outside. Please ensure your child has correct clothing for outdoor PE, including outdoor trainers.

In addition to PE lessons outside, the children will also be visiting the outdoor classroom on a regular basis so it is therefore necessary for all children to have an old pair of shoes or Wellingtons in school. Ideally, these should be named and kept in a bag in the Class 2 cloakroom.

As always, if you wish to become a parent helper then please come and see me. We are always grateful for any parent or carer who is willing to volunteer some of their time to listen to the children read or provide support in numeracy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. This can be done by either coming to see me or by sending a note in with your child.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Newton