

Wootton Bassett Infants' School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This term our topic is 'Rumble in the Jungle' where we will learn about the Amazon Rainforest and the people, creatures and plants that live there. The children have lots to look forward to this term including our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park.

As part of the topic, we will be looking at books such Monkey Puzzle, Rumble in the Jungle and We're Roaming Through the Rainforest. We are also welcoming new additions to our classes- little pots of Painted Lady caterpillars and ladybirds!

In Literacy, we will be writing a range of texts including descriptions, instructions and non-fiction writing. We are focusing on clear letter formation, finger spaces and correct sentence punctuation and so any practice at home would be greatly appreciated. In Maths we are introducing a counting tool called a Rekenrac which will help the children count to 20 and find smaller numbers within larger numbers. The children will continue to recognise number patterns, recall addition facts (including writing formal addition sentences) as well as learning more formal subtraction and counting on from a given number.

The children will continue using their spelling books in preparation for Year 1. The spellings are the Common Exception Words that the children are expected to know by the end of Reception. It is important that these are done 3 times a week. These are collected in every Thursday and new spellings are given out on Friday. We also appreciate you reading with your child at home, please make a note in your child's reading record of when they have read.

As the weather is getting warmer it is important that the children come to school wearing sun cream and have a hat as our children will be doing a lot of outdoor activities. Finally, PE will continue to be Mondays and Thursdays this term. Please ensure that children arrive in school in their PE on Tuesdays and PE kits come into school each Thursday.

As this is our last term, we would like to thank parents for their help and support this year, we hope you have had an enjoyable year in Reception.

Yours Sincerely

The Reception Teachers.











