



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to the start of the Spring Term!

Our first topic this term is 'The secret life of animals' followed by 'Houses and Homes'

The children will learn all about animals and how to classify them into groups. They have been learning new vocabulary such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. They are also finding out how we classify mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish. We are looking forward to our exciting visit from the 'Creature Teachers' at the end of this term, please ensure you have donated £6 towards the cost of this visit. Houses and homes is all about history and how things in our houses have changed over time.

In literacy we have been learning about life cycles through the story of the 'Tadpole Promise'. In maths year two are discovering money and how to add up coins while year one are working on numbers to 20. As always we encourage you to support your child by reading at home at least three times a week to ensure they can do their best at school!

Phonics is such an important part of the day and with this in mind we are inviting you to a session with your child's teacher to discover how we teach phonics in school. The sessions will take place on Monday 27th January in your child's classroom at 2:30.

Reminders: PE day is on Wednesday please ensure your child comes to school in PE uniform on this day. Book change days are Monday and Thursday, please ensure your child's books are in their bags so they can be changed regularly- Please ensure all of your child's uniform is labelled as we have a lot in lost property with no names! Thanks for your continued support.

### Key Dates

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<b>Fri 24th Jan :</b>	Jubilee launch day
<b>Mon 27th Jan :</b>	Find out about phonics session
<b>Thurs 30th Jan:</b>	Books at Bedtime 6pm-7pm
<b>Mon 17th Feb-Fri 21st Feb:</b>	Half Term
<b>Mon 24th Feb:</b>	INSET
<b>Tues 25th Feb:</b>	Children return to school
<b>Thurs 11th February</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Fri 12th February</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Thurs 13th Feb:</b>	PTFA Silent Disco
<b>Fri 14th Feb :</b>	Creature Teachers in school
<b>Mon 3rd—Fri 7th Mar:</b>	World Book Week
<b>Thur 6th Mar:</b>	World Book Day
<b>Tues 4th—Tues 11th Mar:</b>	Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Weds 5th Mar:</b>	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
<b>Fri 14th Mar:</b>	CAFOD Family Fast Day: wear bright colours
<b>Mon 17th Mar:</b>	Wear green for St Patrick's Day
<b>Thur 20th Mar:</b>	Class Photos
<b>Tues 25th Mar:</b>	Annunciation Mass/Liturgy
<b>Mon 7th April—Mon 21st April:</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Mon 21st April:</b>	Easter Monday