

# WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 5

Year R

A warm welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely Easter break. Our topic this term is 'Amazing Animals'. We will be looking at similarities and differences between animals and their habitats. We will be reading and exploring lots of different animal stories as well as being great animal detectives.

#### **Weekend Books**

This term please continue to encourage your child to write their own sentences using their phonic knowledge in their weekend books. Your child can draw anything in their book for example their favourite animal.

#### Literacy

During this term the children will be continuing to work on developing their reading skills. They will use their phonics knowledge to read new words, high frequency words and common irregular words, as well as reading and understanding simple sentences. Using the animal stories, the children will have the opportunity to develop their speaking and listening skills. In writing, the children will become more confident at writing sentences, including using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

#### **Animal Facts— Show and Tell**

We would like your child to research animal facts and bring them into school to add to our animal fact wall. The fact can be about any animal and they can bring a picutre too! Children can bring theses facts in throughout the term. Many thanks ©

#### **Maths**

We will be building on our existing knowledge of adding and subtraction skills through answering different word problem questions. The children will have the opportunity to become more confident at doubling, halving and sharing. We will be learning how to count in twos, fives and tens. As well as consolidating our work with numbers to 10, we will be looking how numbers to 20 are made. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to use their skills to compare and order props from the stories, as well as sequence events.

### **Junk Modelling Resources**

As you are aware children in reception love making alsorts of things and we are always on the look out for junk modelling resources. For example: clean pots, boxes of all shapes and sizes, kitchen rolls etc...

## Our Value for this month is Honesty

## Animal Art - Wow Day Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

On this day we would like your child to come to school dressed in clothes that you are happy for them to get messy in.

They will participate in a full day of creative art.

Thank you for all of your continued support, it is much appreciated. If we can help in any way, please speak to a member of the reception team. Mrs Brinklow, Mrs James, Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Welch.