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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school and the start of the new academic year. Mr Penny and I have been busy over the summer break planning our new quest for this term called 'Carnival of the Animals'. We have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached Quest coverage leaflet. Some of the sessions will be team taught, some of the sessions will be as year groups. The core subjects of English and Maths will be taught as usual in year groups as will subjects such as PE, PSHCE and RE (locally agreed syllabus).

The children have already begun their cross-curricular learning and are very enthusiastic. We are planning a trip to Paignton Zoo as our 'Quest Entry'; as our 'Quest Exit' we will be inviting you to a curriculum sharing event towards the end of November to view your child's work instead of our usual sharing assemblies (more information to follow).

We would like the children to complete a project about the quest this term. The project is about any aspect of 'Carnival of the Animals' that they are fascinated by. This can be anything within the areas of animals, adaptation, classification or evolution. The project is designed to allow the children to plan their time effectively, gather information from various sources and prepare the information in a variety of ways ready to present their projects to classes 5 and 6. Some children may be asked to present theirs during our curriculum sharing event. The presentation will involve the children speaking and being supported by the resources they prepare. This could be a mix of ICT, 3D models, posters, handouts, leaflets etc. Hours and hours could be spent on a project like this so we are hopefully limiting the time spent on the project by asking the presentation to be no more than 3 minutes. The deadline for the project will be **Monday 19th November**.

Along with this homework project the children of Class 5 will be asked to complete the following on a weekly basis:

Spellings: These will be set on a Monday and tested on the next Friday. The children will also be given a 'tricky words' list to learn across the year.

MyMaths: This will be set on Thursday and will need to be completed by the following Tuesday.

Times tables: Children will be expected to continue to practise their times tables at home for a weekly test on Monday mornings

Reading: The children are also expected to continue their fantastic reading efforts by reading at least 4 times a week to an adult to gain a sticker. Reading record folders are checked on Monday mornings but need to be in school every day please.

If any of you have any interests or expertise in the Quest this term and would like to support the learning in some way, or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you should you require. However, mornings can be particularly busy so I would invite you to pop in after school Monday, Thursday or Friday (I am expected in meetings after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Best wishes

Peter Coupe



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