



**Be the best you can be
'Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart'**

Welcome to Summer Term 2.
Let's hope for some sunnier
weather this term!

Topic

The topic for Summer Term 2 is **Animals**. We have already set up the role-play area into a vet's practice and are looking forward to a visit next week from a real vet. We will first learn lots about domestic animals, (there might be a special visitor!) then more exotic animals including sea creatures. Of course, this term we kick start our topic with a fabulous free trip to...

Longleat Safari Park!

Reading

The children will continue to bring home a Phonics reading practise book and a Reading for Pleasure book. It is so important that the books are in school every day, for the three reading practise sessions. Unfortunately, we may have to charge for books that go missing, as they are part of a set of six. Please commit to sharing a book with your child as much as you possibly can and sign their reading record. We can really see great progress with all our children with their reading but this is **hugely** accelerated when they are read with at home. We do appreciate how hectic life can get but just 5/10 minutes reading with your child at least once a day can make such a difference and it's a great chance for some real quality time together.

Keeeeeep Reading!

PE is on a **Friday** afternoon and we will be increasingly outside as the weather warms up, so daps or trainers are essential. We are working on 'Games' as our P.E. theme.

Our Christian Value this term is:

Truthfulness

Phonics

In phonics we will really be working hard on consolidating all of the taught letter sounds, key and tricky words, ready for next year. We will also be working on sentence structure, ensuring that children are secure with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops – already the children are amazing at this! Copy this link into your browser to see and hear all of the sounds we have learnt so far...

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Literacy

Our key texts this term are...

Handa's Surprise
We're Going On a Lion Hunt
Farmer Duck
I want to be a Vet (Non Fiction)
Rumble in the Jungle (Poetry)
On the Way Home

Our adult-led literacy activities will be based around...

- Encouraging the children to use our learnt phonics sounds to write words more quickly and with more confidence
- Listening to and writing short dictated sentences
- Beginning to include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentences
- Listening to and contributing ideas for a short poem
- Writing our own version of a repeating story.

We also would love to see any examples of writing that the children are trying out at home. Do encourage your child to bring in their efforts to show us in school!

Mathematics

The KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact) for this term is: to count in 2s up to 20. Some children have this as their learning step, and we will extend learning and ensure children are secure with this pattern. In

White Rose Maths, we are learning about subtraction using 'first, then and now' stories. We will then move on to learning more about shapes and patterns, then doubling, sharing and grouping, and odd and even numbers (handy when counting up in 2s)! In the last few weeks of term we will create maps (great when learning about the sea, 'arrrrr pirates'!). We will also spend time focusing on consolidating all knowledge acquired during the reception year, so children are well-equipped as they enter year 1 – we cannot believe how quickly that has come around, and we bet that you can't either!

Please continue to practice learning steps with your child at home – it really helps them move through these steps more rapidly and achieve a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. These are always shared with you in the reading record.

Topic, Music, RE and PE

In music this term, the Little Oaks class will be listening to and appraising the following pieces of music: *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* by Tchaikovsky, *Flight of the Bumblebee* by Rimsky Korsakov, *Jupiter the Bringer of Jollity* by Holst, *Fantasia on a Theme* by Thomas Tallis and *Flying Theme* by John Williams. The children are making good progress with learning to play the glockenspiel and they will be practicing, *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* which they will perform at the end (we always upload to Tapestry so watch out for these!).

In Art we will be looking at and drawing exotic animals and fruit and also making a clay model of an exotic animal. As part of our topic work we are very excited about our upcoming visit to Longleat. We will also very soon be welcoming a practising vet into the classroom for a question and answer session with the children. Our Role-Play area is currently set up as a Vet's- complete with operating table, cages for the animals to stay the night and a waiting area!

In R.E., we are learning about 'What Makes Places Special'- with an emphasis on class, paired and individual discussions to provide the children with opportunities to ask questions and begin to express their own ideas and opinions.

Our PSHE theme this term is 'Changing Me' and in PE we will be focusing on Games and Athletics this term.

Big Brush Club

We are very pleased to have been offered the chance to participate in the NHS backed 'Big Brush Club' for this term.

This NHS scheme is brought to us by Big Brush Club and our aim is to get children in Reception and Nursery/ Pre-schools brushing during school time to help tackle tooth decay. We have attached the consent form with this letter.

Have a look at the website too, for more details. [Big Brush Club](#)

Please do sign and return the **consent form** to your child's teacher as soon as possible- once the packs arrive we will begin the daily toothbrushing!

And finally...

What a year we have had! It seems incredible to us that this will be our final newsletter. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this year- including the relationships they have made and strengthened with each other. It has been our absolute pleasure to get to know all of you and your super children this year. Thank you all for working so closely with us throughout the year, the contribution that your involvement makes to your child's overall learning experience cannot be overstated!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so very much for your continued support and as we reach the end of the school year, would encourage you to keep talking to us if you have any questions regarding any aspect of your child's learning and wellbeing. As ever, if you have anything that you would like to discuss please email or make an appointment with one of us and we will be pleased to see you.

Thank you,
The Little Oaks Team ☺

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 11th June- Vet Visit-Little Oaks

Wednesday 12th June- Longleat Trip (Return to school time TBC)

Thursday 14th June- Sports Day (from 9am-11.30am for EYFS)

Thursday July 4th- Transition (Moving Up) morning- 9.30-11.30