



October 2019

Dear Parents,

This half term will be very much focussed on our amazing nativity production, however there is still plenty of learning to be done!

The learning grid attached will give you an excellent idea of how to support your child in their learning and give opportunities for family activities to allow your child to share what they have learned and build on it.

I am excited that this half term, though our English and Science I will be able to share some of my experiences in Malaysia. We will be researching into the life of turtles, looking at their life cycle, food chain and the habitat they live in. I will be able to share the work I did at a turtle sanctuary on the island of Tioman. The children will be producing information text about turtles. We will be planning to have a trip out of school to support our topic on animal habitats and their adaptations to their habitats.



In the continuous provision in the classroom there is a safari lookout to give the children an opportunity to investigate the habitats in Africa. There is a desert environment in the sand tray and there is a Zoo Veterinary Centre for the children to use their imagination and heal the animals they are learning about.

In Maths we will begin to learn our times tables. Knowing the times tables facts is crucial when moving through school and solving more complex problems. Learning the patterns of the 2,5 and 10 times tables at this stage helps set a firm foundation.

In RE we will be looking at what unites the Christian community, particularly focussing on how Christmas brings families and communities together to celebrate.

As the children become more competent with their phonics, learning to spell the 'tricky' words is important. Please support your child in Year 2 to learn to write the spellings and in Year 1 to read them fluently.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes.

Mrs Keen