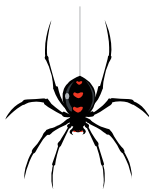


# Newsletter

India Class Summer term 2019

Dear Parents



## **Our topics: Wild Britain**

This term we will be learning about the native wild animals that live around us in our gardens, the countryside and in our seas. We will be finding out about the different animal groups eg: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians, about what food they eat and making simple food chains. We will also learn about the structure of animals, about nocturnal animals and which species are endangered. Be prepared to have your children asking you to take them to look in the woods, around the garden and down to the beach looking for feathers, shells, **empty** bird's eggs or any other evidence of the animals that live around us. Please make sure that nothing living is brought into school and that the children don't harm anything or disturb nests in their enthusiasm! This is a wonderful topic which I am sure you will all enjoy. We are hoping to visit the seashore looking for wildlife and to go rock-pooling later on this term. We will also be going for a walk looking at the wildlife in Longhoughton and help with these visits would be appreciated. I'll let you know when and where nearer the time.

In **History** we will be learning about the history of communication starting with carrier pigeons and messengers, post, to email and texts and the internet.



In **Literacy** this term we will finish reading stories by Julia Donaldson and writing our own story using her stories as a starting point. We will be reading and reciting 'silly poetry' like riddles and tongue twisters and learning how to write our own riddles and tongue twisters. We will be learning to write letters. Our non-fiction work will be reading and writing information text about Wild Britain and perhaps writing our own A-Z of British animals.

In **Maths** We will be solving problems using all four number operations, we will use measures; mass, capacity, time and length and read different scales using standard units. We will continue to develop our calculation skills both written and mental, we will be interpreting data in graphs and charts. We will be using co-ordinates and working on simple and equivalent fractions.



In **RE** we will be thinking about the Good News that Jesus brought; of being a friend to the friendless, bringing peace and forgiveness to all.

The Year 2 children will be doing assessment activities but I always play them down so they are not stressed by them. I call them 'Puzzle books' and try to make them as enjoyable as I can. If you could be equally 'chilled' they should pass by painlessly! Just make sure that they sleep well, eat well and play well and are in school every day for the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> May. The results of the Year 2 assessments will be included in the end of term report.

Many thanks

Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Critchlow