

Panshanger Primary School Nursery

April 2019

Dear Parents

Our Topics for the Summer term are Journeys and amazing animals'. We will be exploring these topics through our 'Adult Led' and 'Chil' activities.

Prime Areas		
Personal Social and Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development
<p>We will be talking about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showing concern for our friends - To know what is fair and unfair - Our Golden Rules both inside and outside - Knowing how to take care of the environment through growing and caring for our garden. - To know how important it is to take care of our world 	<p>The children will be developing their Speaking and Listening skills through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaking to a small group through focus activities - Asking questions to each other and to adults - Sharing ideas with friends and adults. - Retelling stories and using different voices 	<p>The children will be developing these physical skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tripod grip - Letter formation and number formation - Using scissors correctly and safely - Manipulating materials - Throwing and catching balls/bean bags. - Travelling at varying speeds in and out of obstacles changing speed and direction when necessary

Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>The focus for this term will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sounding out and blending words orally. - identifying rhyme and alliteration. - Progressing to Phase 2 phonics looking at letter sounds - Use of writing/ mark making in all areas of the learning environment 	<p>This term the children will be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addition and subtraction - Measures using rulers, jugs, cups, hands, feet - Time through the day using visual time table - Sorting through colour and size - Patterns - 2D and 3D shape - recognising and sequencing numbers to 10 & beyond - writing numbers to 10 	<p>The children will be involved in a range of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature hunt looking at the leaves and nature within the school environment - Finding out about our own and others' beliefs - Using touch screen computers. 	<p>Children will experience a range of expressive arts, design and making activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dance and Music - Role play and using character masks - Making models from dough and junk - Designing Animals and making puppets - Exploring paint and media - Building with a variety of construction sets- roads, train track, farm etc

- Please ensure that your child has a sun-hat for protection when outside. An application of sun cream before school would also be a good idea - we are not allowed to apply sun creams.

- Sensible shoes for running and climbing are essential - please **do not send your child to school in flip flops or open-toed sandals**, as these may lead to gruesome injuries. **Lace-ups are not a good idea** either unless your child can manage independently. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for outside play and a complete change of clothes kept on their peg. **ALL clothing should be named - thank you!!!**
- Your child will need to bring his/her book bag to school every day to ensure you receive relevant information and work they may wish to bring home. Some children will now be bringing home letters to learn the sounds of the alphabet and a few have progressed on to individual reading books.
- We do ask that no toys from home are brought into Nursery, except on a Thursday if relevant for Show and Tell. This helps to ensure there is no confusion with Nursery toys and prevents upset if toys are mislaid.
- We continue to have a themed 'Show and tell' session on a Thursday. Please see separate sheet for the themes.
- As part of our animal topic we will be visiting Shepreth Zoo in June, further details will be sent out shortly.
- Our PE sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has a pair of shorts and t-shirt (the colour does not matter) that can be left at school. **It is essential that ear rings are removed before school or taped over and at no point should hooped earrings be worn.** We are not allowed to help remove ear rings. We will be doing some PE outside, so it would be really helpful if the children can wear trainers to school on a Wednesday or bring a pair with them!
- Thank you to everyone that has uploaded photos, work or news from home on to Tapestry. This really helps us to get a better overall view of your child and helps to create a more rounded Learning Journal. The children have enjoyed sharing these photos with their friends in Nursery.
- Lunch club has started really well. It has been lovely watching the children chat to each other as they eat. Please ensure you stick rigidly to our no nuts policy, as we do have a child in the class with a severe nut allergy. If your child would like additional lunch sessions as we progress through the term, please let us know.

We are looking forward to another very happy term for all!

Mrs Claridge and Mrs Graves