

Panshanger Primary School Nursery

April 2017

Dear Parents

We would like to welcome back all the children and their families from what we hope was a lovely break!

Our Topics for the Summer term are, 'Amazing animals' and 'Journeys'. 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

- Shared reading will continue to be on a Thursday morning 8.45 until 9am
- Summer is on its way, and it will hopefully get hot again soon! When this happens 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. Until the good weather arrives, 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.
- Our PE sessions will continue to be on a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has a pair of shorts (the colour does not matter) that can be left at school. If your daughter is likely to wear a summer dress, please remember to send in a t-shirt too. **It is essential that ear rings are removed before school or taped over.** We are not allowed to help remove ear rings.
- 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.

Finally, the members of staff are always happy to discuss any concerns you may have about your child, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Mrs Claridge, Mrs Graves and Mrs Harsent