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Coming up next week...23/03/2026

## School Shoe Donations

As we move through the year, we've noticed that many of the spare school shoes we keep in school are now a little on the small side for our children. If you have any gently used pairs at home that your child has outgrown, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations.

### Learning in school:

**Theme for the Term:** This half term our topic is **Animals**

We will be exploring different types of animals and building on the children's existing knowledge and interests. Through stories, discussions and non-fiction texts, we will learn about animals that live near us, on farms, and in other environments around the world. The children will compare animal features, habitats and needs, while asking questions and sharing facts as they develop their understanding of the animal world.

### Theme for the Week:

Next week, the children will be completing their own versions of "Our Jungle/Our Zoo/Our Pets" in their writing, bringing together everything we've learned in our animal topic. We'll also be revisiting the questions the children had at the start of the unit to see what we can now answer. In addition, we will be reading the Easter Story, discussing why Easter is important to Christians and exploring how they celebrate it. The pupils will be designing and making their own Easter cards to give to someone who is special to them.

### Phonics:

This week in Phonics, we will be reviewing the Phase 3 sounds: 'ai' 'ee' 'igh' 'oa' 'oo' 'oo' 'ur' 'er' 'ow'. We will be practising blending the sounds together to read and reviewing the tricky words we have learnt so far.

### Maths:

Next week in maths, the children will be exploring 3D shapes. They will be learning how to name and describe a range of 3D shapes, and they will be looking for the 2D faces

that are hidden within them. For example, they will discover that a cube has square faces, and that a cylinder has circle faces.

*Additional notes and reminders*

**We need boats!**

We will be designing and making boats as well exploring floating and sinking. We would be grateful of any plastic boat donations to enhance the children's learning. Please give these to your class teacher. Many thanks.

*Please remember to put your child's library book in their book bag on their class library day. Library days are as follows:*

- ✓ *Turtles: Friday*
- ✓ *Starfish: Wednesday*
- ✓ *Jellyfish: Thursday*

*Class email addresses:*

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*Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.*