

PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST  
Fitzwaryn

*'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'*

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Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a peaceful Easter break. I hope you managed to enjoy the spring weather even though it was a little chilly!

Our topic for Term 5 is going to be 'Aesop's Fables' where we will share some traditional tales in English and use these stories to inspire our reading and writing skills.

In Topic we will be comparing our local environment of Wantage to the habitat of one of the Fables we will be hearing, 'The Lion and the Mouse'. We will use this to explore different vegetation and to inspire our drawing skills which we will develop in both Art and Science where we will be drawing plants and animals.

This term we will be bringing cookery back into our timetable. Pupils will be participating in a weekly cookery lesson on a Thursday. You will be reminded via home-school books, but it is essential that you send in Tupperware/drinks bottles for the children to bring home their cookery in. If there is no container sent in, pupils will not be able to bring their cookery home. We won't be asking for a contribution towards cookery this year, it will be subsidised by the school for this term.



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In our Maths lessons, we will be linking to our topic where possible but will also be continuing to develop our understanding of number, shape, size and length to compare.

There are still some activities which we will not be able to complete in this half term, due to current restrictions, however children will still access a wide range of experiences designed to challenge them, get them moving, thinking, playing and creating.

Some key things to remember to send into school are:

- **PE kits**, shorts or jogging bottoms, a T-shirt and some appropriate shoes or trainers. We will be doing PE on Mondays.
- We will still need a raincoat as we move through spring, but you will also soon need to apply sun cream to your child in the mornings and send in additional sun cream if you wish for this to be re-applied in the school day. Sun hats are advisable too.
- A labelled water bottle and healthy snacks. We offer the children snack twice a day.

I would like to remind you **the importance of labelling your children's clothes** as well. Whilst we take every care to ensure children's clothing is put into the right bags, we cannot guarantee they will end up where they need to. **Please label all clothing** including jumpers, trousers, spare clothes and PE kits.

If possible, please could you continue to include a change of clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents and emergencies, however we do have a small supply available just in case. If your child is currently wearing nappies, please ensure they are sent into school frequently, so we have some available each day. We will let you know through the home/school communication books if we are running low. In addition, we use standard wet wipes at the school so if your child has any skin sensitivities you may wish to send in some suitable wipes instead.

The Beech class team are looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to continue to build upon the amazing work they have already been doing.

Kind Regards,

Jessica Cox

Beech Class