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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! Our topic this half term is **Life All Around Us** and we will be using stories, videos and information books to learn about animals and plants.

The following is an overview of what your child will be doing this half term:

Prime Areas:

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, we will be exploring relationships with different friends and family, looking at ways to help each other and work as a team. Children can practice this at home with family members, playing games that involve team work such as building a creation out of junk modelling.

In **Communication and Language**, we will be expanding our vocabulary by learning lots of new words about the natural world. We will also continue our Storytime videos which let you develop your listening and understanding skills.

For **Physical Development**, we will be doing lots of arts, crafts and writing activities to improve small fine motor skills. We will also continue to explore growing our own healthy food using leftover fruit and vegetables.

Specific Areas:

In **Literacy**, we will be continuing with our phonics learning, with one new sound every week. We will be exploring our topic of life and the natural world through stories full of interesting facts and information about animals and plants. We will also continue to develop our writing skills with lots of fun and creative activities for letter formation.

This half term in **Maths**, Nursery will continue to consolidate our counting skills, using games and real objects to make sure that we count one-by-one and with accurate number order up to 10. We will also continue to explore shape, learning shape names and investigating shape properties by looking at the shapes we have around us at home.

For **Understanding the World**, we will be investigating the natural world from our homes, with simple experiments and fact-finding games that allow us to learn about the plants and animals that we can find nearby in our homes. We will also spend time thinking and talking

about how people are being affected by the changes in our world right now, with lots of chances for children to express their feelings and ask questions about our current situation.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will be doing lots of topic-based craft using the materials which you received in your home learning packs, as well as materials which can be easily found in your homes, exploring how to use recycled materials to make art and junk models. With Spring here and Summer on the way, we will look to the natural world for inspiration for our art this term.

Notices:

- As you are all aware, school will be closed during this term until further notice. Please regularly check your emails and the school website for updates.
- Videos are being uploaded by class teachers on the home learning section of the school website.
- Please remember to check your email inbox for Daily Learning Emails each morning.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/penguin-cam/#penguincam>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/early-years-teaching-resources/zhhf92p>

https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/?utm_content=1584565321&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR0IFYgW15w8V7oTypQ3ZQRNen8PEqNNjLIM5EiP4ZFQQdf2IW9ZBUWwI0

<https://teachingmama.org/visual-schedule-for-toddlers/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/five-ways-to-keep-your-kids-learning-at-home/z4966v4>

www.ictgames.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/index.shtml

www.abc.net.au/countusin/games.htm

Yoga for children: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Phonics with Mr Thorne: <https://www.youtube.com/user/breakthruChris>

Thank you to all Nursery parents for their home-schooling efforts in these challenging times. The emails that we receive showing your home learning are evidence of our amazing group of parents, carers and children. We look forward to hearing from you and we wish you all a safe and fun half term.

Take care and all the best,

Harvey, Gina and Lisa