

Dear Parents/Carers,

January 2011

We would like to welcome you to a new year at Chetwynd Road Primary School and to welcome all the new families that have joined us.

Our topic this first half term is "Is it safe in the Jungle?" The second half term is "The Deep"

The children will be learning about different animals, their groupings, their lifecycles, their habitats and care. This will also involve a visit to the Sea Life center at Birmingham. We will also be learning rules of the classroom and routines of the school day.

In Numeracy we will be saying and using number names, counting, recognising numerals, using language to describe shapes, sizes and position. We will be comparing objects by weight and length. We will also be using a wide range of resources to develop the children's problem solving and reasoning skills.

In Literacy we will be learning how to interact with others, sustain attentive listening and responding appropriately, recognise familiar and common words, become knowledgeable about letters and sounds, attempt writing for different purposes, use phonic knowledge to spell simple words and produce correctly formed letters.

Reading: Initially your child will bring home a picture book for you to share. Later they will have a reading book that will be carefully matched to their ability. Your support in hearing your child read at home is appreciated and your child's organiser will be stamped weekly if your child has read four times at home.

P.E.: A school P.E. shirt and shorts are required for dance and gymnastics. If your child wears earrings could I ask these are left at home on P.E. days. Our P.E. sessions are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Friday. Please ensure your child's name is on every piece of clothing.

Homework: Each Thursday your child will have 'Talk homework' to support their learning during Friday's 'Big Write' sessions. When appropriate your child may have additional homework relating to the topics being studied.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat.

Thank you for all your help and support in working with your child. Together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Zuzarte

Mrs Dawkes

