



## SPRING TERM 2012 - CURRICULUM LETTER

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Holiday!

### Topic

Our topics for the Spring Term are 'Who Helps You?' & 'If you were a minibeast where would you live?' As you can see from the topic web we have lots of different stimulating activities to cover all areas of the curriculum. We also have two trips planned for this term. As part of our RE work we shall be visiting St Peter's Church in Toton. In the second half of the term we shall be minibeast detectives at Attenborough Nature Reserve.

### Numeracy

Numeracy homework: we will continue to send home Maths homework on a **Friday** which will be based upon work covered that week. It is to be completed and returned by the **following Friday**. Numeracy homework is in the **BLUE** folder. We will also continue with our number bond/times tables tests on a Monday morning, please support your child with the learning of their number bonds/tables as they are so crucial to their everyday numeracy application.

### Literacy

There will also continue to be spelling homework which will be linked to the phonics work your child is working on in their differentiated lessons. This homework will be word lists or activity sheets it will be given out every **other Tuesday** to be returned the following Monday. Spelling homework is in the **RED** folder.

*Reading* plays a vital part of every day life and we value the support that you give your child at home with this area. Please encourage your child to read at least four times a week, this can be a mixture of learning key words, playing word games, reading school and home books.

Changing Reading Books - Reading books are changed every Wednesday. The children will choose 2 reading scheme books and a 'real' book appropriate to their reading level. If your child is on 'free reader' books they may change their books whenever they finish the previous book. Please ensure that your child has their reading books in school everyday.

### Reading Journals

Your child brings home their reading journal in the purple folder every day; we also use the journal as part of our Guided reading sessions. The children are encouraged to cover a range of reading activities within the journal, such as book reviews, character profiles, writing a different ending etc, all differentiated to suit the age and ability of the child. Please encourage your child to use their reading journal as part of their home reading. Doing a reading journal activity can count as one of their four reads per week. Please ensure that the reading journal comes back to school every day so that it can be used in class as well as at home.

We will have a half an hour session on a Friday to review and discuss all the homework set so that we can assess for any misconceptions or concerns.

We always welcome parent helpers into our classrooms to help with any aspect of the curriculum, if you would be willing to help in class then please let your child's teacher know.

**Important dates for Year 2 parents** - The children in Year 2 will be taking part in statutory assessments (SATs) from the 14<sup>th</sup> May until the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012; please try to avoid these two weeks for taking holidays. We will send out more information about the SATs nearer to the time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hawker      Miss Hallows      Mrs Kitchin      Mrs Whiley

### Toton Library Visits - Spring Term 2012

Date Friday 1.45-2.30	Tigers Turtles Penguins	Date Friday 9.45-10.30	Pandas
6.1.12	Turtles	6.1.12	Pandas Mrs Phillips
13.1.12	Penguins	13.1.12	Pandas Mrs Dawkes
20.1.12	Tigers	20.1.12	Pandas Mrs Phillips
27.1.12	Turtles	27.1.12	Pandas Mrs Dawkes
3.2.12	Penguins	3.2.12	Pandas Mrs Phillips
10.2.12	Tigers	10.2.12	No library due to Behaviour Cup Assembly
17.2.12	<b>HALF</b>	<b>TERM</b>	
24.2.12	Turtles	24.2.12	Pandas Mrs Dawkes
2.3.12	Penguins	2.3.12	Pandas Mrs Phillips
9.3.12	Tigers	9.3.12	Pandas Mrs Dawkes
16.3.12	Turtles	16.3.12	Pandas Mrs Phillips
23.3.12	Penguins	23.3.12	Pandas Mrs Dawkes
30.3.12	Tigers	30.3.12	No library due to Behaviour Cup Assembly

## 'Who Helps You?' & 'If you were a minibeast where would you live?' Spring Term 2012

### Literacy

Traditional stories  
Instructions  
Really Looking - poetry  
Non-chronological reports

### Numeracy

Counting, partitioning and calculating  
Securing number facts,  
understanding shape  
Handling data and measures  
Calculating, measuring and  
understanding shape  
Securing number facts, relationships  
and calculating

### Special Events

See separate letter for library dates

Trip to St Peter's Church - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
January  
Visit to Attenborough Nature Reserve as  
'Minibeast Detectives' - wk beginning 27.2.12

### Whole School

Literacy Open Morning - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
Half Term - 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Parents Evenings - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Inset Day - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Science Week - wk beg. 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Science open morning - 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Science Dress up day - 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### Science

Health and growth-eat  
more fruit and veg  
Plants in the local  
environment

### History & Geography

Florence Nightingale  
Mary Seacole  
Our local area  
Attenborough Nature Reserve

### Religious Education

What can we learn from  
visiting a church?  
Belonging in Christianity.  
Stories Jesus told.

### Music

Sounds Interesting - Exploring  
Sounds

### ICT

Understanding instructions and  
making things happen / Year 2 unit  
Controlling a floor robot/turtle  
Representing information graphically  
- pictograms

### Physical Education

Games - Small apparatus &  
team games  
Dance - Sleeping Beauty &  
Weather  
Gym - Jumping, landing &  
rolling. Use of shape.

### D&T and Art

Fresh fruit- kebab /drink  
  
Still life pictures- sketching,  
water colours (linking in with  
Attenborough visit)

### PSHE

SEAL - Going for Goals & Good to be me