



# Blossom News

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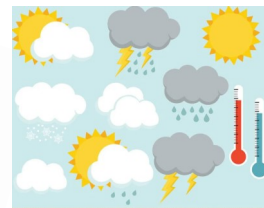
Welcome to Term 4 and we hope the beginning of some Spring sunshine! We continue this term with the same staff members: Mrs McDowall as Class teacher Mon-Weds and Miss Cotton as class teacher Weds pm, Thurs and Fri. Mrs Hopkins is class Teaching Assistant Mon-Weds and Mrs Steele on Thurs and Fri.

## Topic

Our topic this term is "We are Going on an Animal Hunt!". This term we will be very busy with a variety of new learning experiences and have already had a special whole school Cricket day, visit from Longleat and World Book day.

We already have a vets role play area in the classroom and will be encouraging the children to work together to act out different scenarios involving caring for and looking after animals and

thinking about the feelings of animals and humans. We are looking forward to some of our pets from home visiting our class!



## Uniform and Spare Clothes

Please ensure all items of clothing and shoes are clearly named. Please continue to send in spare clothes including socks, pants and comfy warm clothes to be used in case of accidents, wet or muddy days. We will continue to use the outside area and wear our wellies to get outside as much as possible this term.



## Reading



The children are making great progress with phonics and reading. Please continue to write in the reading record every time you share your reading book together at home and talk about the events, characters, themes and ideas in the story to ensure reading is a shared and enjoyable activity.

Please also continue to practise the keywords and point out when you see them in real life. Please help to look after our new reading books (and keep them safe from water leaks) as they are quite delicate and disintegrate easily.



## PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Thursday afternoon this term. Monday will be Invasion games and Friday Fundamental Skills. Please could each child leave their PE kit bag on their peg for the term. We will send them home for a wash at the end of the term or if they get very muddy.

## Star of the Week

Finney (our class toy hedgehog) will make a return visit to some children at home this term when they are Star of the Week on a Friday. Please help your child fill in Finney's diary with a short bit of your child's writing, draw a picture or stick in a photo of the things he gets up to at home with your child. Please return Finney to school with his suitcase on the following Monday for us to share the experiences together in class.



## Healthy Eating and Dental Care: Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles

Please help us to promote healthy, happy smiles by keeping sugar consumption to meal times only.

Please provide a named bottle full of **water** for use at break and during the day (or allow school to provide fresh water for your child).

Blossom Class are provided with a choice of healthy snack each day before morning break.



## Show and Tell

The children have really enjoyed starting our Show and Tell sessions at school. This term we will continue with our Show and Tell sessions so that a few more children can have a turn. During this session your child will be encouraged to speak in front of the whole class and ask and answer questions about the item they have brought into school. Please see the letter previously sent for details about when it is your child's turn. Please only send in toys/objects from home when it is your child's turn for Show and Tell to avoid precious items being lost or broken at school. Thank you.



If you have any concerns or worries about your child or the school, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

*Mrs McDowall and Miss Cotton*

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