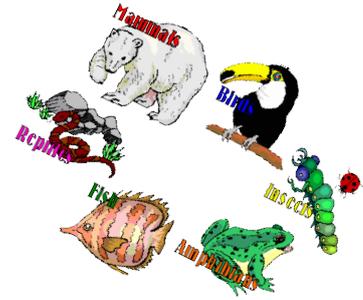


Dear Parents,

Curriculum

Our Topic for this half term is 'Animals'. We shall be looking at life cycles and thinking about new life and how different animals begin their lives. Over the next five weeks we shall look at mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and insects. For 'Show and Tell' this term it would be great if you could prepare your child to talk about their favourite animal.



Literacy

Please read with your child daily and remind them to bring their 'To and Fro' reading pack to school every day. Please support your child with reading and writing 'Tricky Words'. As we learn about different animals we shall be extending the children's vocabulary as we describe the texture of skin, hair, scales etc. Please encourage your child to put descriptive words into a sentence and let us know that they have understood their new words.

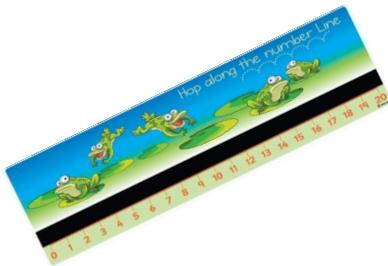


We go to the school library every Wednesday and ask that you remind your child to bring their library books in on this day so we can check them in and they can borrow a different book.



Maths

Children will be continuing to partition numbers this term, developing their understanding that whole numbers can be shared into parts. They will develop confidence in using numbers to 20 and be able to say the number that is one less than a given two-digit number. They will also learn to subtract two single-digit numbers and count back to find the answer.



Reminders

Children are proud to tell us about their learning at home. Please share this in their 'Special Books'. We can print out photos you'd like to add to their books if you send them to the school Early Years email address earlyyears@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk.



P.E. is on a Monday afternoon, followed by tuck shop (20p for a drink and 20p for a biscuit). This term we shall be practising for Sports Day and will be using the School Sports Field. Please ensure your child has P.E. kit (white T-shirt with school logo, navy or black shorts and trainers - not pumps) in school. If cold, they will also need a navy sweatshirt and navy jogging bottoms. These must all be clearly **NAMED**. We also have P.E. on a Friday which may be dance or using the bikes/scooters.

Celebration Assemblies are on Fridays at 2.45pm in the school hall and provide an opportunity to share the highlights from the week. Children are proud of what they have achieved and we look forward to seeing you there.



Yours sincerely
Helen Dutton