

Hello!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed the opportunity to get outside for a bit. We are already halfway through the year and your children have all settled well and are engaged with learning in Hercules class.

After learning about the polar regions and its animals last term, we are moving to warmer climates in term 4. Our topic, this term, is the **Natural World** and we are focusing initially on patterns in Nature (linking to our Maths learning about patterns and shape). We will move on to look at the natural world in our community and link to Spring, new beginnings, and Easter.

As you know, we are always looking for junk modelling to support our learning, so please donate what you can. Also, patterned fabric/ fake fur of any size would be gratefully received too!

#### **Gentle reminder**

We go outside every day unless it is torrential rain and there are some activities that involve getting muddy and dirty! So, please ensure your child has wellies and waterproofs in school so they can get involved in all the fun activities.

#### **Wiltshire Wildlife trust**

This term, we are lucky to have a member of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust working with our school on a Tuesday afternoon. This means that your child will have the opportunity for a session with them at least once this term. They will be working with small groups so not everyone will go every week. There will be more details to follow.

#### **Field and Forest**

Hercules class will not go to Field and Forest in week one of this term and we will let you know about any further decision asap.

#### **40 Acts of Kindness**

During the period of Lent, commencing Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Hercules class will be performing 40 acts of Kindness. Please ask your children what the focus is each day, or hopefully you might even be able to guess!

#### **Dates for your diary:**

27- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023-Parents meetings with Mrs Flynn. Times are available after 3.30pm on these days; please book a slot.

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023- World book day. No dressing up, children will be making headbands in school. We have lots of fun activities planned across the whole school and in the classroom.

10-19<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Science week. The theme for Science week this year is Connections. We are going to make maps of our journeys to school, discussing who the children might see every day and making connections with them. In addition, we are going to be nature detectives and explore our school environment using all our senses. It would be lovely if you could have a go at doing these activities at home so we can compare!

15-20<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Scholastic Book fair. More details to follow.

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Easter service @ 2.15pm, St Peter's

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023- Trip to the Tobacco Factory. More details to follow.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term in Hercules,

Miss Rimmer, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Whittock and Mrs Stables