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Dear Parents

Welcome to the New Year for Tufted Duck Class. In this letter we would like to give you some information about what we shall be learning at school this term. Obviously, due to the current circumstances, teaching and learning has been moved on-line for this first term but we are still aiming to cover those topics as outlined on the school website, but perhaps with a few tweaks and changes. We have already been very impressed with the children's move to on-line learning this term and it is lovely to see them all in our Google Meet sessions.

Literacy and Numeracy

We made fantastic progress with our Phonics last term. Most of us can recognise, say a cue word and write the following letters correctly, saying the formation rhyme: s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,f and l. We shall now be moving onto Phase 3 Phonics. It is really important that children remember how to form their letters correctly so we would ask you to encourage your child to keep on practising those letters which we have already covered, perhaps they could help you to write a shopping list, for example. We would also hope and expect the children to practise reading at home as much as possible, enjoying as wide a variety of books as possible. We would ask that an adult (or older sibling) discuss these books with your child, asking them questions about, for example, the story setting, the characters, the content, the story ending, etc.

In Numeracy we have worked hard on recognising and writing our numbers to 10 and/or 20. In addition to the daily activities set on-line, please could your child continue to practise writing numbers and counting forwards and backwards to 20. This term we shall be looking at shape and measure, as well as estimating and exploring different addition methods.

Topic and Science

Our topic focus this term is Our Planet. We shall be looking closely at and making observations of things we see around us and we shall learn about the season Winter. We shall look at life on a different continent: which will be 'Amazing Africa' and begin to learn and develop an understanding of how different cultures and people live. In Science, we shall be exploring the different habitats to be found in Africa as well as the huge variety of animals that live there, focusing on some specific groups of animals, investigating how they adapt to survive in their particular surroundings.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do get in touch with us at school. We believe that learning is most effective when it is a partnership between school and home. The children have already made a great start to their learning in Reception and we look forward to continuing this with our on-line learning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bedding and Mrs Jones