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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 during the Spring 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.

Topic and Science

Our topic focus this term is Amazing Africa. We shall be learning about this vast continent which contains more than fifty countries and many different landscapes. We shall locate Africa on a world map and compare and contrast how village life in rural Africa is similar or different to our village. 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.

Homework

We shall not be setting homework separately as this will come under the banner of the Home Learning activities put on-line for the children every day. However, we would expect the children to continue to read at home as much as possible, enjoying as wide a variety of books as possible. We would ask you or another adult (or older sibling) to discuss these books with your child, asking them questions about, for example, the story setting, the characters, the content, the story ending, etc. We would also encourage parents to continue to use Mathletics and SpellingShed as much as possible with their children. In addition to the daily activities set online, please could your child practise counting to 100, both forwards and backwards, as well as reading and writing their numbers to 100.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do get in touch with us at school. We are very much looking forward to an exciting term of on-line learning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bedding and Mrs Jones