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Dear Reception Families,

We hope all our families enjoyed a restful break over the Easter holiday. Just a reminder our PE day has now changed to Thursday. Next week, we will start swimming on Monday. The children will also wear their PE kit on swimming days.

### Learning

This term our overall theme is Amazing Animals and this week we will focus on pets specifically. If you have any pets at home, please upload a photo to Tapestry to share with the class. The children really enjoy hearing about each other's experiences!

To support our writing in Drawing Club, we will watch a short clip from 'The Secret Life of Pets'.

We will learn some new vocabulary and the Makaton signs for these words; hutch, tank, groom, feed, lead, collar and snout. Can your child share any of the signs with you?

This term, we will be focusing on developing our sentence writing skills. We will be writing simple sentences using our phonics knowledge and knowledge of tricky words. We will start our sentences with a capital letter, leave a space between each word and end our sentence with a full stop.

### Handwriting

We will begin to practice forming letters from the **long letter family**.

	Down the lollipop stick.
	Down the iguana and dot the leaf.
	Down the tiger and across its neck.

### Phonics

We will be learning some new tricky words; **said, so, have** and **like**. Look out for these words coming home on sticky labels 'buttons'. If you press the button, we will read the word in a funny voice!

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**Maths:**

This week, we will begin to learn about numbers beyond 10. We will be learning about **11, 12** and **13**.  
At home, can you practice counting out these numbers using our careful counting skills, touching one object as you say the number.

**Other Areas of Learning:**

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will be learning about how to take care of pets.
- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – this term our topic is 'Relationships'. This week, we will identify the jobs, we do in our families.
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will follow instructions to make zig zag and split pin pet crafts.
- **PD (Physical development)** - this term we will practice under arm throws, running in a straight line at speed, jumping with one foot and two foot take off.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis