

## SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD



### Reception



### Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful break and are excited for the new term ahead. This term, our learning will be centred around the exciting book *Beware of the Crocodile*. Through this core text, the children will engage in a variety of learning experiences across different areas of the curriculum.

#### Literacy

We will explore *Beware of the Crocodile* by learning about crocodiles, their habitats, and their diet. The children will be developing their vocabulary and using it to write captions to describe crocodiles. They will also have the opportunity to write instructions for how to build a crocodile's nest, strengthening their ability to sequence ideas and use key instructional language.

#### Phonics

The children will continue to build on their phonic knowledge by progressing through Phase 3 sounds. We encourage regular reading at home to help reinforce their learning and develop their confidence in blending sounds to read words.

#### Understanding the World

As part of our exploration of the natural world, we will be learning about how crocodiles hunt and care for their young. The children will also study the life cycle of a crocodile and compare it to the life cycle of a human. In addition, we will be learning about Ramadan, why it is an important festival for many people, and how it is celebrated around the world. We will also explore Holi, the Hindu festival of colours, and learn about its significance and how it is celebrated.

#### Mathematics

This term, the children will be focusing on:

- Understanding and comparing numbers 9 and 10, including number bonds to 10 and doubles.
- Exploring 1 more and 1 less and identifying odd and even numbers up to 10.
- Learning about length, height, and time through practical activities.
- Investigating 3D shapes and identifying 2D shapes within them.
- Revisiting patterns, including identifying, copying, and continuing more complex sequences.

#### Religious Education (RE)

Our focus in RE this term is Easter. The children will explore the key question: 'Why do Christians put a cross in the Easter Garden?' Through stories and discussions, we will help the children understand the significance of Easter for Christians.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of the Reception team.

Best wishes,  
The Reception Team