



Hello Children and Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and ate lots of chocolate after being so good during Lent.

I have been busy in the garden again doing mucky jobs like cleaning my decking and trying to clean the pond - I found lots of frogs a far too much slime – Yuck! Did you get outside and enjoy the sunshine? Are you keeping notes in a diary? I hope so.

Every Thursday at 8 o'clock I have been standing on my doorstep with my family clapping for the NHS staff and all Key Workers. It is really important to say thank you to everyone for all their care and hard work, are you saying thank you too?

This week the home learning project is all about exploring different types of animals – what they look like, where they live (habitat), what they eat and any special adaptations like claws for grabbing their prey or having good eyesight to see in the dark. I am sure that the children will enjoy watching the BBC Bitesize clips on mammals, amphibians, birds, fish, reptiles and mini beasts - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv>. Children could then write some sentences about animals or even make a little book about animals with a page on mammals, a page on amphibians etc. You could even add a contents page at the front and a glossary at the back – remember to add page numbers!

For maths I recommend using the White Rose maths home learning resources. Have you been playing any of the maths games on <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> yet?

I also want to let you know that Oxford Reading Tree is providing free access to their e-reading books. You will need to register at <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-english-year-2-age-6-7/>. There is also lots of information about phonics, spelling and grammar on this website with great explanations and links to really useful videos to support parents teaching their children from home. If you could practice reading and spelling the Year 2 tricky words I've attached that would be fantastic.

I hope these ideas are helpful and that you enjoy learning about animals, I can't wait to see what you've been learning.

Keep yourselves safe and well and have a great week.

Love from,

Mrs Danby and Mrs Willows.