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Dear Parent/carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and the children are rested and ready for some more exciting learning adventures!

This half term our topic is "How can we care for birds?" which was introduced to the children with our exciting visit to Harewood House. Throughout the topic, the children will learn about the behaviour of birds, their habitats and changes we can make to our environment to increase the bird population. This ties in with our science topic this half term - "Living things and their habitats," which will focus on grouping living things and learning about adaptations.

The children's homework will continue to include an alternate Literacy and Numeracy task as well as a spelling task. These will be issued weekly on a Friday and we ask that they are returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. This half term we are introducing the "Times Tables Award" which will replace KIRFS. Children will complete a weekly bronze, silver or gold times table challenge and progress onto the next time table once they are secure. Please practise this regularly and sign the record sheet found at the back of your child's homework book.

We are continuing to work hard this year to see an increased use of reading records to strengthen the home-school link, therefore our year group is continuing a reading reward scheme, which requires your child to read at least three times a week, ideally this should be to an adult. Please initial and date the reading record when your child has read. If your child has not read three times a week, they will read in their own time in school. The reward at the end of the half-term, if they have met the target, will be decided towards the end of the term by the class.

Now that the weather is warmer, we would like to remind children to bring a clear bottle of water every day and labelled sunhats and sun cream when appropriate. Please ensure that your child keeps their P.E kit in school at all times. The PE kit consists of a white T-shirt, a warm top, suitable outdoor trainers and black or blue shorts as well as jogging bottoms. **Please ensure that all items of clothing and shoes are clearly labelled.**

Please remember to check the calendar of events for any upcoming activities. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gaughan

Mrs Gooch

Mr Stevenson

