



Ruby Newsletter

February, Term 4



This Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half term. This term, our topic is 'Why do snakes not have legs?' We will be learning about reptiles and comparing them to other animals. We will explore reptile body parts and characteristics as well as their habitats and what they eat. When learning about life cycles of reptiles, we will compare this to the life cycle of a stick insect and watch stick insects grow in the discovery area.

In story sessions, we will read 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell, 'The mixed-up chameleon' by Eric Carle, 'Rumble in the jungle' by Giles Andreae, 'Open very carefully' by Nick Bromley, as well as 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'Wriggle and roar' by Julia Donaldson.

In maths, we will continue to practise our number recognition, counting skills, subitizing skills as well as finding number pairs that make 10. For measure, we will be exploring and comparing mass, capacity, length and height through lots of play based, hands on activities. Furthermore, we will be talking about time and beginning to order and sequence time whilst thinking about activities that we have done as part of our day.

Help your child prepare for their project

When outdoors with your child, what animals can they see? Encourage your child to look for different animals when out and about. Talk about the animals. What do they look like? How do they move?

Key vocabulary

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| • same | • scaley | • eggs | • What? |
| • different | • long tail | • habitat/home | • What like? |
| • reptile | • pattern | | • What doing? |

Important Dates (Details to follow)

This Friday, the 27th, we are marking St David's Day (as it falls on Sunday). Everyone is invited wear red/white/green or daffodil yellow.

Laleham's World Book Day: Friday 6th March

Easter/Animal themed Wellbeing Day and end of term: Thursday 2nd April

Reminders

Please can the pupils come in wearing their P.E kits on **Wednesdays**. We will also have shorter PE sessions on Mondays, but kits will not be needed for this.

We will also be exploring the onsite forest school on **Wednesday** afternoons this term so please can children have spare clothes for this in case they don't feel comfortable wearing a puddle suit. It is currently very muddy!

Just a little reminder to name all the children's clothing and belongings, this helps us to reunite it quickly and reduces anxiety when items are misplaced. The children are welcome to bring in a small healthy snack for break.

Please do not hesitate to use the Class Dojo app to communicate with us if you are unable to speak to us in person at drop off or pick up times.



Opal



Ruby



Onyx



Topaz



Quartz



Sapphire



Emerald