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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the work that your child's class will be doing during this term. We have also suggested ways in which you can help your child at home. Included with this information you will also find an overview of how we deal with behavioural issues in school.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Gay, Mrs Maher and Mrs Bird. PPA teacher Miss Hills

Class: Year 2

Term: Spring

Theme: A Walk on the Wild Side

Main areas of study:	<p>Our focus in this term's topic will be Geography, with elements of Science based on similarities and differences between Wales and Africa.</p> <p>We will be exploring maps, identifying countries, continents and oceans. We will be comparing the natural features of Wales to Africa and learning about different types of animals and their habitats that live in Wales and Africa.</p> <p>During our E.P.I.C (Everyone Planning in Class) discussion the children raised concerns over animals rights and would like to raise funds for an animal charity. This will be an ongoing investigation and as the children learn about the different types of animals and their habitats they will decide which charity and how they will raise the funds.</p> <p>We will also be learning about different instruments, how the orchestra and composers work, and link animals' movements to music.</p> <p>At the end of term, we will plan, design and make items to sell and raise funds for the chosen animal charity.</p>
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	<p>This term there will be many celebrations – Santas Dwywnwen, Saint Davids Day and Mothering Sunday.</p> <p>We will continue the important phonics, reading and spelling work using Read, Write, Inc. The children will continue to learn new sounds and we will be focusing on blending to improve the children's reading and spelling.</p> <p>We will continue to follow the White Rose maths engaging the children in concrete, pictorial and abstract lessons.</p>
Ways in which you can help at home:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you have any experience or artefacts of Africa, please share these experiences with your child and post photos on your child's Dojo, this will encourage your child to share the experience with their class. ▪ Please remember to use Dojo to share with the class of any important celebrations/religious events within your family. ▪ As you know your child will be bringing home reading books and weekly spellings. Please ensure that you read frequently with your child and return their book on their allocated reading day. Encourage your child to practise their spellings every day. ▪ PE day is every Thursday – Please could children wear their gym kit to school on this day, we recommend long trousers or leggings, t-shirt, jumper and trainers. ALL long hair must be tied back, and ALL jewellery removed.
Ways you can help us?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please could you label all your child's belongings including jumpers, lunchboxes and water bottles. ▪ Please help your child to organise their things before entering the classroom e.g. snack, water bottle, lunch boxes and reading books on their day. We are encouraging independence, so your child is expected to put these items in their allocated area. ▪ Please make sure your child brings a coat/jacket to school every day.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If anything happens in school and we feel that you need to be informed about this, we will speak to you directly. If there is anything, you need to raise with us, please do so either in person or through Class Dojo messages.
Behaviour Policy	<p>We use positive praise to reward the children. The children have decided on the class golden rules at the start of the year, and we always refer back to these. For pupils behaving inappropriately, sanctions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time out, calm area • Loss of part of Golden Time • Loss of playtime
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember only fresh fruit or prepared vegetables for the daily snack time, cutting grapes in quarters. • Please help encourage our Healthy Eating policy by not putting chocolate or sweets in the lunchboxes.

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