



*"Learning is a journey, to be taken together, one step at a time"*



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## Foundation Stage - October Newsletter

### Africa

We will be learning about the African savannah for the next three weeks. We will be looking at where Africa is, where the African savannah is, thinking about how we could get there and what we would need to bring with us. We will also be learning about some of the different animals found in the savannah and finally we will be exploring what it would be like to live with the Maasai tribe in Africa. We will be finishing off the topic exploring the story 'Handa's Surprise' and may even find a surprise of our own!

We aim to foster a love of learning and feel the best way to achieve this is by following the interest of the children. Learning will, therefore, follow a number of different routes this half term because we are guided by the children.

### Onchan's Website

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website <https://onchan.sch.im/> as we will be regularly updating our page with newsletters/blog posts and photos of your children's learning.

We will also be sharing lots of information about our Foundation Stage or useful links/ideas to help your child at home.

### Learning Logs

This month we are introducing Learning Logs to the children. The Learning Log will contain a fortnightly home learning task to be completed with your child. They will be sent home on a Friday and we ask that you return these Learning Logs by the following Friday. If you any questions, please ask a member of the team.

### Snack

Please could any outstanding snack payments (£15 cash) be brought into school as soon as possible in a named and sealed envelope. Thank you.

### Reading & Sound Books

We are now well underway with our Phonics learning with new sounds being taught to your child each week. We will begin sending home a little blue sound book each week with your child containing the sounds/words currently being focused on during our Phonics sessions. Please can we ask that you practice these sounds for at least five minutes every day with your child at home.

When your child has reached the stage of blending sounds to make words independently, we will be sending home reading books. We would really appreciate it if you could practice reading these books at home once your child is ready. Please don't forget to note when you have read with your child in the reading records.

### Dates for your diary

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Sponsored Walk

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – PJ Day for Alder Hey

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Davidsons Ice Cream Van in the car park from 3pm

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – Lions to Wildlife Park

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Penguins to Wildlife Park

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Drive In Movie afternoon (info to follow)

### A final note...

If you have any questions please ask a member of the Foundation Stage team. Alternatively you can ask or email [onchanenquiries@sch.im](mailto:onchanenquiries@sch.im) for a suitable appointment should you wish to have a longer chat.

Many thanks,

**Miss Cornmell and Miss Cubbon**