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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Foxhills Infants we want to ensure your child has the knowledge and experiences which enable them to take advantage of responsibilities and opportunities in later life. To achieve this, we want to provide rich, wide experiences that will promote extensive personal development so that their interests and talents are nurtured beyond our academic curriculum. Enrichment enables us to provide these experiences.

For the remainder of your child's time in year R, we will be nurturing your child's wider development in the following ways. We are asking for a monetary donation to assist us in providing these experiences and hope that the option to pay in instalments makes this doable.

### **Spring 2**

During this learning unit, the children will be learning all about new life and spring. They will be making observations in real time and have the opportunity to ask questions and share their own understanding. We will be supporting this area of the curriculum with the following enhancements:

- Duckling hatching kit. This will be with us for a 10-day period from the 11<sup>th</sup> March. The children will receive 5 real duck eggs to hatch and watch grow and develop. They will be hands on in caring for the ducklings and observing the start of their life cycle. As per our previous messages around this, we are asking for a £3-5 donation per child. This will provide us with a fantastic hands on experience!
- A visit to Colbury Church allows the children to see first hand what some Christians believe in and to take part in an Easter service. This is free.
- African drumming. This is endorsed by the school. This is a musical opportunity where the children learn altogether with a coach and then they will perform at the end of the half term. They practise holding different beats, making different rhythms and playing in rounds.
- A visit to the local allotments to see the process of food growing and how this can support us being more sustainable in the future. This has no cost.

### **Summer 1**

During this learning project is titled 'Paws, Jaws and Claws'. We will be learning about different types of animals, their habitats, life cycles and diet. We will explore big concepts such as extinction. To support this learning we will use the following enhancements:

- A second hands on visit from Trevor, our local Farmer, to discuss new life in farming and with the hopes of having a chance to see some baby animals! This is free.
- Some visits from a variety of common and uncommon pets such as a tortoise, dog, rabbit and guinea pig. This is free.
- A visit from a specialist bird handler with a meet and greet with several birds of prey and a barn owl. We will discuss all things birds including their behaviours and diet. This is a cost of £2.50 per child.

## **Summer 2**

The learning project from Summer 2 will be called Once Upon a Time and we will be exploring traditional tales. We will be looking at story retell and capturing our imagination with all things creative. To enhance this learning we will use the following:

- Trip to Furzey Gardens to support our learning on traditional tales and to boost imagination as a hook for creative writing. This will be at a cost of £12.50 per child including coach, entry and on the day activities.
- All things fairy-tale day with enhanced play opportunities and fancy dress. This is free.

The overall monetary donation for these opportunities is £20. We are hoping to offer you the opportunity to pay this in monthly instalments at £5 a month if you require or you can pay them in full. These enrichment opportunities will be invaluable for the children and we would like to make all of these possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Year R team**