

We hope you all had a good Easter break. What a warm and sunny start to Term 5 it has been!

This week the children have:

- Read and explored a short fantasy story called Elf Road.
- Written a diary from the point of view of the main character.
- Revised their knowledge of apostrophes for contraction and possession.
- Explored decimal numbers to make a whole and compared decimals.
- Used close observation skills to draw different insects.
- Grouped and classified different vertebrates and begun learning about the main characteristics of mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians.

### **Curriculum**

Our topic for Term 5 is called Home Sweet Home and is linked to animals and their habitats. We will be exploring how to classify and group different living things and how to use classification keys. The children will also be learning about how the environment can be changed and that this can pose threats to living things.

PE will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. On a Wednesday the children will be working with Charlton Athletic Football Club to learn about health and fitness as well as taking part in three different sports over the next six weeks: football, handball and dodgeball. Thursday's PE will focus on Tri Golf skills.

Music for the next two terms will be delivered by Mr Harding who will be teaching the children how to play the Ukulele.

### **Buster's Book Club:**

A new Summer Term bookmark has been stapled into the children's reading record books today. Well done and thank you to the 8 children who remembered to read and bring in their book marks. Congratulations to David, who is our winner for this week!

Please can I ask that you try to find time to hear your child read and support them in taking part in Buster's Book Club. I really do understand how challenging it can be to fit in homework and reading throughout the week but a little bit of reading every night does really go such a long way in supporting your child to make maximum progress not just in reading but across the curriculum.

### **Spellings:**

On Tuesday, the children took home their new spelling list for Term 5 and these can also be found on the school website. Please remind and support your child to practise their spellings ready for their test on a Monday each week.

### **Homework:**

This week the children have been given a worksheet to revise the use of apostrophes for possession. In addition to this, I have given them a Times Tables Rockstar sheet to complete and return before next Wednesday when they will be tested in class. The Times Table Rockstar website can also be used as a way of helping the children to learn their times tables.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Fisher and the Year 4 Team