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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you had a lovely break, and had a good rest.

We are very excited about our 'Creatures' topic this term and are looking forward to discovering and exploring different types of animals. In order to kick start this interest we will be sharing any pet photos that have been sent in to us. The children will be practising their oracy skills, with an emphasis on presenting when they talk about their pet or the pet they wish they had. The children will be making animal fact files to present to other children in school so any extra research you can do at home will be very helpful! We will be learning how to be Zoologists and gaining information from non-fiction texts, research on the internet and by watching some animal documentaries on CBeebies.

In Literacy, we will be reading 'Aaaaaah Spider' 'Bog Baby' and 'Leopards Drum'. These books will support our learning about animals and the different habitats they live in. We will be writing our fact files and also creating habitats in continuous learning time.

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the amazing reading going on at home and for writing in your child's reading record. It is so useful for us at school to see the successes and any challenges when reading at home. We are focusing on comprehension this term, please continue asking your child questions about the book when they have finished. Some good questions could be: Who was the main character? Why do you think that happened at the end? Where is the story set?

As mathematicians we are thinking all about ten this term – the quantity of 10 and number bonds to 10 (the different ways to make 10). Please use any opportunities for subitising (looking and just know how many) at home – counting the number of stairs you walk up or how many things you buy at the shop. We will also be learning all about 3D shapes.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us on both our trips last term, with your support they were successful and fun!

As communication is limited at drop off and pick up times, please contact the main school office, if you would like to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or to report the absence of your child.

Kind regards,  
The Reception Team