



### Spellings:

Cycle

Clouds

Rivers

Number

Calendar

Centre

Circle

Early

## Curriculum News:

### **English:**

The children have been working so hard on their persuasive speeches to Noah! They have incorporated all their clever reasons, thought hard about the language they are using and have produced some excellent pieces of writing. The reading carousels in each class are going well, with the children enjoying using the ipads for word work and super comprehension activities taking place.

### **Maths:**

Our focus for maths this week has been identifying features of 2d shape, naming the shapes and understanding a range of mathematical language. Ask your child if they know what the following words mean: parallel, vertices, sides, pentagon and quadrilateral? They went on to use their knowledge to design a floor plan of pens for the animals on the ark, using a range of different shapes.

As a bit of learning fun we have looked at the following song to help us remember the names of all the shapes!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5m8BWk5LoQ>

### **Topic:**

Our DT project is progressing well, with most of the children making mechanisms for their animal cards. Lots of inspiration will come from our Marwell visit this week!

### Reminders:

#### **Marwell Zoo:**

We can't wait for our zoo trip on Thursday. The children will be wearing school uniform and will need appropriate wet weather gear plus a packed lunch and drinks. A clipboard is always useful. We aim to be back by the end of the school day, but just occasionally the traffic can prevent a prompt return.

#### **Poetry:**

We have been encouraging all children throughout HTPD to go home and find a little poem that they enjoy and then attempt to learn it. Many children in Year 3 have been really successful at this and have loved reciting them to their classmates. Please could you encourage your child to have a go at this at the weekend.

#### **Morning Times:**

Just to remind you....we would love to see your children in their classrooms ready to start working no later than 8:40am. This also helps them feel settled and it starts the day well. Very many thanks.

**Wackadoo Zoo:** Your child may have come home with a couple of lines to learn for our production of Wackadoo zoo! If they have it would be really great if you could read these lines through with them as they will need to know them off by heart. If your child has not received lines they still have a very important part to play in a singing role.