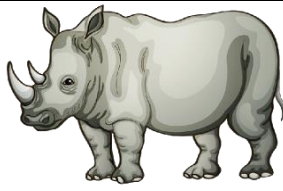
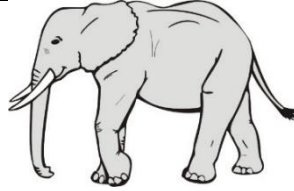


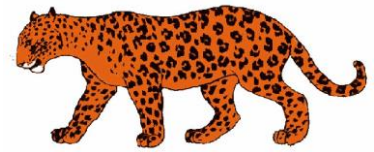
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**Rhinos**  
Miss McGroary



**Elephants**  
Mrs Evans



**Leopards**  
Mrs Rogers

**What a busy term it has been, thank you for all your support. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in 2020!**

**EXCITING THINGS THE CHILDREN WILL BE LEARNING IN THE SPRING TERM...**

We will begin the term with an exciting topic all about London! In English, we will learn all about some of London's most famous landmarks before writing our very own fact files about the city. In Geography, we will learn about the four countries and surrounding seas of the United Kingdom and will practise locating these on a map. Our first Science topic will be about the seasonal changes that take place in Winter. We will record the weather, observe Winter changes in the forest and will find out what happens to animals in Winter. Later in the term, we will explore materials. We will practise naming, describing and sorting a variety of different materials and will then carry out an exciting investigation linked to this!



After half term, we will travel back in time to learn all about the Great Fire of London. The children will look at images and will place events on a historical timeline to show what happened. They will also take part in an exciting history day where they will learn all about life in London in 1666. More details will be sent home later on in the term!

**Other Information**

**SHOW & TELL**

There will not be a specific 'Show and Tell' session in Year 1, the children will however be encouraged to share their home learning. Children are not allowed to bring any toys from home into school.

**EATING & DRINKING**

Children should bring a named bottle with WATER ONLY for them to drink during the day. Juice is not permitted to be drunk throughout the day (only with their lunch). Please, please do not put water bottles in book bags, we have had so many reading and home learning books ruined due to leaking bottles. You may wish to purchase a separate bottle carrier that attaches to the side of the book bag.

**SNACK & LUNCH**

Children will continue to have a fruit snack provided by the government. All children in Year 1 are entitled to Free School Meals.

**PE**

**Elephants Wednesday – Indoors, Friday Outdoors**

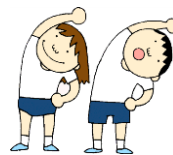
**Rhinos Wednesday – Indoors, Friday Outdoors**

**Leopards Monday – Indoors, Friday Outdoors**

Children should have a PE kit consisting of: their house

colour T-shirt without buttons, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper and a change of shoes for outdoors. No

jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised. We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! As per the school policy, we record if a child does not have their PE kit with them, and sending a letter home if it is repeatedly forgotten.**



**Welly Wednesday**

Year 1 will be going to the woodland area on most Wednesdays. Please look out on the weekly Learning Sharing for information for the week ahead. Children should come to school dressed in old clothes that are suitable for getting mucky and practical for activities such as climbing trees and den building in all weathers. Dresses and skirts are not appropriate for Welly Wednesday. Children should also bring a change of shoes, preferably wellies, to wear whilst they are in the forest area. Please make sure they wear their normal school shoes to school. We are quite happy for wellies to be kept in school.

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#### **SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS**

8.45 – children are met at their classroom door/gate by their teacher and settle into an early morning activity.  
 8.55 – the doors will close, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in.  
 10.30 - 10.45 – Break time  
 12.10 – 1.10 – Lunchtime  
 3.20 – End of the school day



#### **Class Teachers & Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time**

- Rhinos - Miss R McGroary –  
Friday PM covered by Mrs Page and Mr Green
- Elephants – Mrs S Evans. Mrs Tong (a Trainee Teacher) will also be working with Elephants during the Spring term.  
Friday PM – covered by Mrs Page and Mr Green
- Leopards – Mrs Rogers –  
Wednesday PM – covered by Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Page and Mrs Conroy/ Mrs Baxter. Every other Thursday AM will be covered by Mrs Page.

**Teaching Assistant Support**  
 Mrs Jenkinson will be supporting Elephants in the mornings.  
 Mrs Toone will be supporting Rhinos in the mornings.  
 Mrs Majewska will be supporting Year 1 in the afternoons.  
 Miss Foster will be supporting Year 1 on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings.  
 Mrs Waddup will be supporting Leopards mornings and afternoons.

#### **BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION**

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the school website – About Us/School Policies

#### **HOME LEARNING**

##### **Spring Term Home Learning**

At the start of the term your child will bring home a new learning passport to complete with English, maths and topic related activities. Children can choose an activity to complete each week which is then recorded in their home learning book or brought into school for Wednesdays. Books are sent home on Fridays.

You will be sent phonics information linked to the learning your child has been doing in school. This will be sent on a Friday with the weekly Learning Sharing.

The children will also be encouraged to use the Mathletics online resource to support their maths learning. We may set tasks from time to time; please look out for information on these in the weekly Learning Sharing.

Children will bring home a guided reading book each week chosen by the teacher and a choice book that they have chosen for themselves from the library. They will also bring home their home reading diary. Please continue to aim to read daily to your child as well as hearing them read and discussing their reading book with them. Please write in their reading diary when you have read together.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

We aim to have open communication channels to keep you informed about everything that is going on in school and to give easy access to speak to us if needed.

Ways we can communicate:

**School/team letters** – where possible we would like to send all letters via email – There will be occasional letters that are sent out as paper copies via 'bookbag post'.

**Weekly learning sharing** – every Friday an email is sent out to give you an overview of what the children will be learning about the following week, this may also have important notices on.

**Website** – we hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included please let us know.

**Email** – you can send emails to your child's class teacher or team leader. The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response then you can leave a message with the school office or send a note to your child's class teacher.

Rhinos Class Teacher - Miss McGroary - [rmcgroary@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rmcgroary@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

Elephants Class Teacher – Mrs Evans – [sevans@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:sevans@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

Leopards Class Teacher – Mrs Rogers [vrogers@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:vrogers@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

Team Leader - Mrs Ogilvie - [logilvie@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:logilvie@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

**Appointments** – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher please contact them via email, school office or letter to arrange a suitable time.

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**Concerns** – if you have any concerns about an issue within the class, please email or speak to the class teacher in the first instance. Then if needed concerns can be raised with the team leader. When necessary you may then wish to contact Miss Green.

### Spring Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control, they may need to change.

January	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day for staff
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children start back to school
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA family film night
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	School Council litter dress up day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	NSPCC assembly
February	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Non-Uniform day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	HALF TERM
March	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA quiz night
WC 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents open afternoon week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Discos
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	History Day Year 1
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent consultation evening
April	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parent consultation evening
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA non uniform day PTA Easter egg bingo
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Training day for teachers
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Term opens for children
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA family film night
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Leopards class assembly