

HEADTEACHER AND CHAIR'S OPTIONAL CHALLENGE - SPRING 2016

Dear Children,

So far we have set you two challenges and we have been delighted with your incredible responses.

Firstly, we asked you to learn your European countries. The response was fantastic! Please click on this link if you want to remind yourself:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/europe-projects.pdf>

After that, over the Christmas Holiday, we asked you to show off your photography skills. The photos of 'Wild Winter' are wonderfully creative. Please click on this link to view these:

<http://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/gallery/wild-winter/>

We would like to thank you all for participating in our little challenges. You wouldn't believe how happy it makes us that you have embraced our ideas and shown how creative you are.

Thank you again,

James and Simon (Headteacher and Chair of Governors.)

Our New Challenge - Spring 2016

Write a poem and illustrate it! The title is: **'My Favourite Animal'**.

James is originally from Devon. One Wednesday evening in 1988, James' sister, Ruth, returned from secondary school with a chicken in a shoe box. In biology Ruth had hatched the chicken and named it 'Star'. Star needed a friend though. The very next Saturday morning, James bought Ed for £1.25 with his pocket money from Hatherleigh Market. Ed was a duck and was the size of a field mouse. Ed lived happily in the garden and floated on the pond for a good few years with his friend Star (Star did not float on the pond.) Before the days of TV remote controls, Ed and James would sit on the sofa and watch TV, when the channel needed changing and James walked to the TV to change it Ed would always follow!

If James wrote a poem, it would most definitely be about Ed!

Camels are not Simon's favourite animal. In fact, they are noisy, stubborn, uncontrollable and vicious. And they spit at you! But this camel (right) *is* Simon's favourite animal because it let him ride it (sort of) through a desert to a Bedouin camp where he drank tea and spent a night looking at the stars. Simon was 15 and had long hair and his back was never painful. Simon also likes camels from an engineering perspective. They are amazingly well designed for a desert, and amazingly poorly designed for a rider.

If Simon wrote a poem, it would most definitely be about this camel. Although not many words rhyme with 'camel'. Mammal? Enamel? Flannel....(which would have been handy to wipe up all the spit).

James and Simon wish you luck and would love to see your work handed into the office in an envelope marked 'My Favourite Animal' by Thursday 24th March 2016.

What will we do with your poems?

- 1) Ask that you read your poem and show your illustrations to another child.
- 2) Put them on the school website so that everyone can enjoy them.
- 3) Make a book full of your poems so that your parents or visitors can read them when they visit our school. We may make this book available to parents to buy so they can read them at home too!
- 4) Show your work in assembly. There are no winners but we would love to give you a wonderfully chunky medal for participating!

