

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Re. Headteacher and Chair of Governors' optional home learning challenge - spring 2017

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2017.

So far our challenges have included the following:

- Geography
- Photography
- Engineering and Mathematics
- Poetry

The next optional challenge will test your English writing skills and your illustrating abilities too.

Did you know that there are many animals that rely on teamwork to survive? Your challenge is to find out about animals that rely on each other and work together. This could be about different species of animals that work together or animals that work together from the same species and help each other out.

We are going to put together an encyclopaedia of your entries and publish them as we did when you wrote us poems about your favourite animals. If you are using the Internet to aid your research we remind you that you should be supervised by a parent or carer and should only use the Internet safely.

If you wish to take part here are some important reminders:

- 1) Please submit your entry on 1 piece of A4 only.
- 2) Please submit your entry by 10.2.17. Any entries after this date will not be published in the final book.
- 3) Please feel free to illustrate your entry but you don't have to!
- 4) Please remember this challenge is about finding different species of animals that work together and benefit from teamwork.
- 5) There is no minimum or maximum number of words – write as much or as little as you would like to as long as it fits on 1 side of an A4 piece of paper.
- 6) There is no medal or prize for taking part in this challenge – we will read your entries and publish them in a book that your parents may wish to buy.
- 7) This is an optional challenge – you don't have to take part.
- 8) Feel free to work with your parent/carer – it is all about teamwork after all!

If James were writing an A4 page for the 'Muswell Hill Primary Encyclopaedia of Teamwork' he would write about meerkats and the drongo bird. Did you know that the drongo bird sits

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happily in a tree surveying the land and alerts meerkats when there is danger approaching? In return the drongo bird gets freshly dug up insects to eat once the meerkat family have finished their dinner. In the summer though the drongo bird can become a little deceitful. I'll explain more in assembly!



If Simon were writing a page he would write about cleaner fish that clean the teeth of sharks. The sharks benefit from healthy teeth and gums, whilst the cleaner fish enjoy a free meal!

Simon's hope is for a future where cleaner fish replace toothbrushes for humans. Every home should have a tank full.



Yours sincerely,

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