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## Summer Term 1

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday!

This half-term we are very excited to invite the children on a trip to the Wildheart Trust Animal Sanctuary in Sandown, details have been posted on Compass.

Our learning will focus on information texts (non-chronological reports) and using our observation skills to look closely at nature. To link with this, our history lessons will explore Charles Darwin, his life and voyage to the Galapagos. Our science will involve exploring variation in the natural world and experimenting to find the best growing conditions for plants. In art, we will be looking closely at the structure of beetles and producing artwork using a variety of techniques. As a family homework challenge, we invite you to observe and collect natural objects like Darwin did, please check the overview for more details.

In PSHE, we will be learning about physical health and mental wellbeing, beginning with understanding the importance of sleep for our bodies and minds.

Our PE will be on Monday and Thursday this half term, for both 2KA and 2JM. We ask that children arrive at school in their PE kit on this day please. PE kit includes: blue round neck T-Shirt, navy shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers for outside PE and a normal school jumper.

Our PPA activities are on Wednesdays and will be led by Mrs Riches, Miss Brett, Mrs Hiscock, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Johnson. Children will have the chance to go Out and About with Mrs Johnson every 4 weeks. Please check the newsletter and Compass to see if it is your child's turn.


As the weather is warming up, please ensure children have a hat in school and a named water bottle. Just a reminder that water bottles **should contain water only** please. It is also the season when jumpers get left on the field - please ensure all jumpers are clearly named so that they can be returned to you child!

Thank you for all of your support so far this year, as always, if you have any queries or wish to discuss your child's education further please contact the office for an appointment at [office@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@queensgateprimary.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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