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**British  
Science  
Week  
2019**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Week is fast approaching. The dates for British Science Week are 8 – 17 March 2019 and this year's theme is '**Journeys**'.

We have organised some fantastic science activities for all year groups next term. Activities which will inspire children to think about the different scientific journeys that happen every day and how they can discover science through their own lives and experiences.

Each year group will take part in a 'Design a Poster' challenge, supported by the Guinness World Records. Your children will need to design a poster related to the theme '**Journeys**' and must be original and creative. The best posters from Monks Orchard children will be entered into the UK-wide competition with the chance to win an array of prizes including the **Guinness World Records prize**. **Closing date for entries is Friday, 22 March 2019**. Why not use the half term to start coming up with those ideas and beginning your design. Parents are allowed to help with ideas, as long as the final entry is created by the children.

During Science Week, on **Friday, 8 March 2019**, a mobile farm, from Animals UK, will be visiting the school. Animals UK is one of the leading and longest established animal encounter companies in the UK. Their workshops have been given an educational resources award by the London Pet Show, so we know that the farm will be of high quality and the children and teachers will be safe during the visit.

Animals UK will bring a selection of animals and present them to the children. They will talk on many topics including rainforests, nocturnal animals, habitats, minibeasts, predators, 'The Deadly 60,' African animals and biodiversity. The children will get the opportunity to engage with the animals themselves, learn lots of facts about them and ask questions. The emphasis is on making learning fun and **BRINGING THE CURRICULUM TO LIFE**.

Throughout the workshops, teachers will take photographs of the animals, which will include; meerkats, skunks, foxes, owls, hedgehogs, snakes, spiders, tortoises, crocodiles, lizards, raccoons, frogs, millipedes and scorpions.

Children will be able to wear any shade of blue jeans along with their school jumper on the day and we will be asking for a small contribution of £1, to help cover the costs of the farm visit.

Regards,

*Alicia Allen-Bernard*

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Science Subject Leader



## Poster Competition

**About this activity** - Get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual poster competition. Your children can make their poster about whatever type of **journey** they like and enter our UK-wide competition with the chance to win an array of prizes.

**Instructions** - Research your poster, plan your poster and ask your children about all the amazing journeys that take place around the world.

**Children in Early Years and KS1** can explore ideas such as: everyday journeys, journeys of the human body or journeys of nature.

**Children in KS2**, here are some topic ideas to get you started:-

- What sort of journeys have you made? For example, holidays etc.
- Research famous journeys, e.g. Amy Johnson's flight alone from Britain to Australia or Charles Darwin's journey on the HMS Beagle.
- Think about journeys that might be made in the future or travels through time.
- Other than travel, what other journeys can you think of? For example, life cycles of animals or plants, the water cycle, or the life cycles of materials such as plastics.

**Make your poster:** It's time to get creative! The poster must be:-

2D (flat) – if you make a model, you need to just send us a photo of it on A4 or A3 paper.

Children can use materials such as paint, drawing pencils, pens, colouring crayons, pipe cleaners, felt, thread, wool, foil, string, beads, stamps, foam or pom-poms, pop-up pictures, pull-out tabs and paper.

**N.B.** Try to avoid using straws or glitter – these plastics often end up journeying to the sea and harming the eco-system.

Posters will be judged on creativity, how well it fits the theme and how well the poster has been made or drawn. Once the poster is complete, hand it in to your child's class teacher.

**N.B.** Entrant's first name, age and school name will be announced on social media and on the British Science Museum Website. **If you do not wish for this data to be shared you should make this explicit on the back of the poster.**

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**Look forward to seeing your entries. Good Luck everyone!**