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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that ZooLab will be visiting our school on Tuesday 10th March to deliver an exciting animal workshop for each class in Year 1. ZooLab is a well-established educational company that specialises in bringing a range of real animals - including small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates - into schools to support hands-on learning. Their presenters are experienced in working with young children and focus on creating safe, engaging and memorable learning opportunities.

The cost of the workshop is £4.85. Payment should be made via your Arbor account and no cash will be accepted. Educational workshops rely on parents making a voluntary contribution to cover the cost and should there be insufficient contributions the workshop may have to be cancelled and money refunded. We can offer support to any family receiving Universal Credit or experiencing financial difficulty, so please get in touch with the school office so arrangements can be made.

Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will be funded. Please click on this link if you wish to check your eligibility for Pupil Premium:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

In Year 1, the children have been exploring animals, including humans, with a focus on:

- Identifying and naming common animals
- Grouping animals based on their characteristics
- Learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- Understanding the features of different animal groups

The ZooLab workshops will give the children a wonderful chance to see real animals up close and apply everything they have been learning in class. They will explore how animals are sorted into groups, observe their physical features and behaviours, and deepen their understanding in a highly interactive way.

We are very much looking forward to this exciting learning experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Phillippa Longman
Headteacher