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Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Just some upcoming reminders of things that you can get involved with in the next few weeks.

Real World Challenge Day Special! Thursday 19th April

Working with **Tees Valley Wildlife Trust** this Term's Challenge day will run in the same way as usual, a stimulus at **9am** for the children to respond to for part or all of the day, but will have a little twist. The challenge is based on a real problem that the area has for some of its protected feathered residents. Little Terns are becoming rarer and rare but still nest on the North and South banks of the Tees. Unfortunately, due to either lack of care, ignorance or even wilful malice their nesting sites are continually disturbed and there is a real danger of them never coming back. The Trust have tried all sorts of ways of informing the public and/or visitors to the site with limited success. The challenge, which I think we should a mystery to the children until the day, is to devise a way of either informing the public more effectively or protecting the site itself. If they get some great ideas they will actually seek to put them into operation. It is a great opportunity for children to **apply their persuasive language** learning in a **real world, independent activity** if they go down the 'informing the public' route. I'm hoping for letters to newspapers, videos, posters, songs and copious 'Tern' puns ('one good tern deserves another', 'its time to tern the tide' etc). Diagrams of Wallace and Grommet style protection systems are of course also very welcome.

Please let me know if you would like to take part, it costs nothing but enthusiasm!

Animation Week (21st - 24th May) (inc free CPD twilight the week before - 17th May 3.30pm)

The 'week' kicks off on our website on the Monday with a challenge issued to schools about what their animation will be about. Children then plan and devise their work during the Monday - Wednesday in school (or even as homework). In response we will expect a clear narrative, storyboarding and images of the children working to be brought to **Inspire2Learn on Thursday 21st May**. Each school team (four or five children and an adult from each school) will be given a space to display their work on the 21st and also create their animation. Animation can be in any form, LEGO, models, clay, flat paper and we hope that by challenging the children on the Monday it will give a good start to the planning, prop making, and scene creation that we rarely get chance to develop when children come here for a day of animation. We also aim to have some real life animators here at the centre on the Thursday to talk to the children who attend.

We appreciate that some of you may never have done any animation before but if you have an iPad the software we recommend is **free** and the process is simpler than you might think. To help though, we are running a **free twilight session** for any teacher wanting to learn or simply brush up on their animation skills to be able to support the children. What you will quickly discover is that the techie bit is really simple, it is the scripting and story side that makes a great animation.

All movies will be showcased on both Inspire2Learn and the Creative Den websites.

We already have schools signed up to the week but please let me know if you are intending to take part.

There are lots of other events going on over the half term but unfortunately they are all fully booked. Our diary of events for next year will be released shortly with lots of new activities and old favourites so keep your eyes peeled for that if you want to get in quick!

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