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Information note for families

This semester in Science breakout sessions, Year 1 students are exploring small animals and their habitats. Students will investigate small animals, leading to a better understanding of how their adaptations help them to survive in their habitats. Through explorations, students will learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves.

Introducing the Backyard Safari Search

As part of the Science unit *Schoolyard Safari*, we would like to learn about small animals that may be found in the homes and gardens of students in Year 1.

Each student has been provided with an 'In my own backyard' worksheet to write and draw about animals found at their home. Students are encouraged to take photos of animals where possible.

Students will be asked to share their observations with their classmates during our breakout in week 2 of term 2 (Monday 8th May, 2018).

Code for caring

The Year 1 students have established a 'Code for caring' to help students search carefully with minimal disturbance the search area. These include:

- Replacing stones and logs after searching under them
- Leaving all dangerous small animals alone
- Wearing gloves to avoid bites and stings
- Being gentle when exploring to avoid crushing small animals
- When observing small animals, keeping them in a labelled container that has air holes and returning them to where they were found after a short period of time

Note: Students are not collecting the animals, they are observing them.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,

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