

Dear parents,

During January, in the framework of the Skills Workshops, our school continues with the 2nd Thematic Unit "Caring for the Environment", with a sub-theme: "Ecology - World and Local Natural Heritage" and the title: "Little Arcturus in Action".

The aim of this cycle of workshops is for the students to acquire empathy and sensitivity towards the wildlife of our country, active participation and positive interaction with the other members of their group and finally to understand the existence of a very close and interconnected relationship between humans and animals. The main objectives of the second cycle of the Skills Workshops are the following:

- To learn about the wildlife of Greece
- To understand the particular context of life and survival of specific wild animals of Greece
- To develop empathy skills
- To develop attitudes of contribution, responsibility, respect and volunteerism towards animals

Indicative activities that will take place during the course are:

- Informative videos and documentaries
- Discussion and reflection
- Reading and discussion of books and fairy tales on the theme
- Imitation games and dramatization games with central heroes the wild animals of our country
- Artistic creations and constructions, both individually and collectively
- Live online communication with the non-governmental and non-profit environmental organization ARCTUROS, aiming at the direct interaction of students with the natural habitat of some of our wildlife
- Reflection by students and dissemination of the project to parents

At this point, we would like to mention that the valuable contribution of parents is welcome, enriching the program with relevant material (e.g. books, photographic material, crafts, games, etc.) that students can bring to class or with the participation of parents themselves, for a joint activity with the teachers, after contacting and consulting with them.