



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half term break. Our topic this term is 'The Enchanted Woodland'. Throughout this new and exciting topic we will be researching different types of tree including deciduous and evergreen, looking closely at plant life identifying their features and exploring different animals who live in our local environment, in our homes and in woodland habitats.



*'If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a BIG surprise!*

*Deciduous or evergreen? What can you find? Can you match a leaf to its tree? Can you match a petal to its flower?*

*'Foxes and badgers, mice and birds high in the tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints...Who made them? You decide!'*

Please support your child with their morning activities in their classrooms, as they are usually linked to work they are doing in class.

### Year One Library Dates

We visit the library on a Friday morning (9:30-10:30). **PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS BEFORE/ON THE DAY OF YOUR CHILD'S CLASS VISIT.**

- 23/2/18 – Flamingo
- 2/3/18 – Hummingbird
- 9/3/18 – Toucan
- 16/3/18- Flamingo
- 23/3/18– Hummingbird



### Reading books

Thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning. Don't forget your child is working towards a reading medal in the summer term. It is important to return your child's reading pack by **Wednesday** each week so new homework can be given out. Children can also help themselves to additional reading books from the shelves outside Penguin classroom.



### PE Days

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school, including tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers/plimsolls as one of our PE sessions will be outside. This term we will be continuing our Gym Coach sessions!

- Flamingo – Monday and Tuesday
- Toucan – Monday and Thursday
- Hummingbirds –Monday and Thursday

### Can you help??

We are always looking for parent helpers to help on our trips to North End library. We are also always looking for helpers to hear readers in class. If you are free and would like to help out please let your child's class teacher know.

If you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to speak to us at the start of each day.

Thank you for your continued support  
The Year One Team ☺

### Important dates:

- 21/2/18 – Family Learning Launch.
- 22/2/18 – Africa Charity Day.
- 1/3/18 – World Book Day.
- 13/3/17-Parent's Evening.
- 15/3/17-Parent's Evening.
- 23/3/18 – Sports Relief.
- 28/3/18- Year 1 Phonic evening.
- 30/3/18 – School Closed for Good Friday.
- Topic related trip – TBC.

# Homework Ideas

Looking for educational games to play at home? Remember you can access these websites through our school website!



## Maths

- Explore counting in twos, fives and tens.
- Counting on or back from any given number.
- Exploring the value of different coins.



## English

Practise your cursive handwriting. Share a book together as often as you can. Have a go at writing a short story about the woodland creatures you will be learning about at school.



## Topic

Visit a local park or woodland, what wild life can you spot?  
Can you identify different types of trees, flowers and animals?  
Can you use the natural woodland resources to create your own model or woodland sculpture?



## Science

Can you go on a woodland walk? What can you see? Draw pictures of your adventure. Maybe you can use the words that you learn in science to label your picture!



Remember to keep practising your spellings at home – we are very proud of all your hard work!

