

Our Spring Term 2 Topic is:

Amazing Animals!



Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome back to our second part of the Spring Term, we hope you all enjoyed the Half Term break!

This half term we are going to be learning about the **Amazing Animals** on our planet! We will be exploring the features and lives of many animals particularly those living in hotter parts of the world. Please see below to find out more about the themes we will be covering in each subject. As always thank you for your continued support and commitment towards your child's learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via Seesaw or class email if you have any questions or queries.

Many Thanks, The Year 1 Team! ☺

Mathematics:



In Maths we will continue to count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals. We will be using our number skills to solve a variety of addition and subtraction problems exploring doubles, near doubles and number bonds. We will be partitioning numbers in to tens and ones and using the number line to help up solve problems. We will also be exploring measurements, length and height.

English:

This half term we will continue to use focus on Phase 5 (Little Wandle) in phonics and will be continuing to practise reading and writing our tricky words correctly. Within Literacy we will be creating wanted posters for animals and exploring poems. We will use Non - Fiction books and other sources to help us retrieve information about animals and we will practise our sentence structuring skills when creating animal fact files.

Religious Education: 'Welcoming'

We will be focusing on Christianity, exploring Palm Sunday and the Easter Story.

Geography:

To help us to understand animal habitats, we will be researching into various settings and their features, such as forests, hills, rivers and woods and comparing them to ours. We will also be learning about the different weather systems around the world.

Computing - Grouping Data

A key concept throughout this unit is the understanding that computers are not intelligent. Though they may seem like they are able to complete tasks autonomously, they are using input from humans, for example searching for images that have been labelled by a human, or 'counting' data that has been grouped by humans. We will be using labels to search for different things.

Art & Design:



We are going to be exploring animal patterns and prints. We will look at the artist Andy Warhol and how he manipulates colour in his work.

Physical Education:

Our indoor PE unit is Dance.
Our outdoor PE unit is Hit, Catch, Run.

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit within school. This may include; shorts, t-shirt, tracksuit, trainers or plimsoles.

Music: Our focus is on 'Learning to Listen' We will listen to, create and enjoy a range of music listening to a range of familiar and new songs.

Design and Technology: Children will learn about how different foods can enable us to be fit and healthy. The children will make some healthy snacks, trying, experimenting and trying seasonal foods.

Science: We are learning the names of a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will be learning about what animals eat and how this can determine whether they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We will also be learning about ourselves, as mammals, and exploring our senses too!

Reading: Daily reading is so important for building your child's confidence, improving word recognition and fluency. Daily reading also helps children to develop a love and passion for books! Don't forget to fill in your child's reading diary every time they read. E-books will also be uploaded for your child each week to enjoy at home. These texts are fully phonetically decodable and will match the books your child is exploring within their guided reading sessions.

Dates for your diary! (More info and additional dates to follow)

Mon 19th Feb- Spring Term 2 2024 begins
Tues 5th March- Super Woman Sale
Thurs 7th World Book Day

Tues 12th March- Parents Evening
Thurs 14th March- Parents Evening
Fri 15th Red Nose Day Comic Relief
Thurs 28th March- School breaks up for Easter