



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter—Spring Term

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. Mrs Moore and I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. The children have come back to school extremely excited to start the new topic, Paws, Claws and Whiskers, and we all looking forward to having another successful and fun term.

Science

Science this term will allow us to work scientifically around the topic of all things animals. We will be comparing features that we have as humans to that of other animals and identifying any similarities and differences, explaining how different features are fit for purpose, using appropriate computer software to help us research scientifically, identifying variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, studying the structure of a variety of common animals and collating and recording data throughout our learning.

Our aim as always is to ensure that children can apply their knowledge and skills across the curriculum and everyday life, therefore science this term will be interlinked with our other subjects in the classroom and throughout the school day. Please encourage this at home as much as possible.



Art and Design & Design technology

In Art and DT we will ensure that children get the opportunity to apply their prior learning experiences from previous topics into this term's new topic. In addition, we hope that this term can be creative for the children and allow them to apply their imagination even further. Children will be able to sculpture, paint and develop and share their ideas and experiences within the classroom. We will apply these skills into products such as bird feeders and animal masks and hope to share the finished items with you. We hope that all experiences are memorable for the children and aim to engage them in the topic.

Home Learning

We hope that learning in the classroom can be interlinked with home learning as a tool to secure children's understanding. Any home learning tasks will continue to be set on a Friday and will be expected to be complete by the following Thursday. Our aim as always is to ensure that home learning tasks provide children with the opportunity to reflect and extend what has already been learnt in the classroom. A polite reminder that we ask that you do encourage your child to complete the tasks as independently as possible.

Please do not hesitate to speak with either Mrs Moore or I if any concerns or worries arise.

Thank-you for your support!

Reading

We are still loving our reading in Year 1 and have noticed progress in all children's abilities and attitudes towards it. Throughout the week we do hear each child read 1:1 and have started to encourage children to choose their own books this term. Children will be supervised whilst they change their books but the choice will allow them to become more independent and develop further their love for reading.

In addition, please continue to read with your child at home and ensure to write a comment in their reading records as any comments/feedback will be monitored in the classroom by Mrs Moore and I.



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Writing

We have made great progress with our writing and continue to do so. Children will be given creative opportunities outside of Read Write Inc to write throughout the term to collaborate with CLJ topic work.

PE

Children will be able to develop their gymnastics skills this term and apply what they already know, alongside other opportunities including sports WOW days, to develop their physical skills. We do ask that every item of clothing is labelled with your child's name and that children are bringing suitable kits with them into school.