

Paws, claws and whiskers

Summer term 2 newsletter for parents/carers of children in Year 1



We hope that this newsletter gives you a clear idea of the work we will be doing this half term. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us any night after school.

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English

Within our Read Write Inc. sessions the children will focus on improving their writing through the use of more adventurous vocabulary including, time connectives, conjunctions and adjectives. Children will be encouraged to use the correct grammatical vocabulary to name nouns, adjectives and verbs within their independent writing. Children will use 'Fred fingers' to help them spell new words.



Maths

The children continue to practise recording addition and subtraction calculations using + or - and =. Among the topics we will be covering are place value, capacity, fractions, addition and subtraction. The children will practise using a variety of strategies to add and subtract numbers to 100 using a number line, 100 square etc.

Please help your child at home by practising counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We also continue to practise rapid recall of number bonds to 10 and 20.

Homework

Children will be set maths homework every week. Children will be expected to choose and complete a task from the list provided in their homework book each week. Please support and encourage children in completing their homework as it helps reinforce what is being taught in school.

Reading

During guided reading sessions we encourage the children to use their phonic (sound) knowledge to help them read unfamiliar words. We are also encouraging the children to talk about the texts they have read by asking them simple questions such as what was the text about, who were the main characters? etc. We hope that you will be able to join us for a meeting about how you can help your child with their reading and also to provide you with information about the Year 1 Phonics screening check.

Computing

Children will use their keyboard skills to create their own leaflet to provide other people with information about how to look after a pet. The children will also have the opportunity to use our class iPads to research information about their chosen animals.

PE

Children will be taking part in Yoga bugs as well as games led by our Sports coach this half term. Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

Please remember that children must have a PE kit including shorts and T-shirt in a named bag. This should be available in school at all times.

Earrings must be removed for PE or covered with plasters.

RE

This half term the children will look at the Christian Creation story and how this compares to stories from other religions.

Science

This half term our science work will focus on looking at animals and identifying the group that animals belong to e.g. amphibians, reptiles, mammals, fish or birds. The children will also talk about how animals eat different things and sort animals according to whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. We will also identify features that are particular to different types of animals.



Creative Curriculum

Within our topic 'Paws, claws and whiskers', the children will be able to look at world maps to find out where some of the different animals live and create their own maps for an imaginary zoo. The children will be encouraged to create their own animal models using clay and to make an enclosure for their model animal.

We hope that at the end of our topic you will join us to help your child make an animal mask before they perform some animal songs that they have learnt throughout the topic.

Dates for your diary:

RRSA

This half term we will be continuing to look at the rights of the child as stated by the UNICEF convention. We will be having discreet rights respecting lessons to make sure that all of our rights are met as well as linking this to other lessons and homework.