

Curriculum Letter

Year 1 - Summer 1

Enquiry

This half term we are beginning a new enquiry: 'Should Zoos Exist?'



Children will discuss the concepts 'responsibility, care, sustainability and belonging' through this enquiry.

Our focus will be on the Science curriculum looking at the classification of animals. What they eat, where they live, how they move and which animal group they belong to for example fish/reptiles. Our Geography will look at seasonal and weather patterns and the places in the world where animals live. We will use our P4C lessons to discuss our enquiry question.

Reading

Our focus this half term in Phonics is to recap and revise those Phase 5 phonemes and alternative pronunciations already learnt and to revise ready for the phonics screening test in June. The common exception words that we expect all children to be able to read and write by the end of the year are in the back of the reading diary, please continue to practice to read and spell all tricky words at home.

Reading Challenge:

We have begun our Gold Reading Challenge and have shared our first class read. The class reads are marked with a star. The 4 remaining books are available to borrow from class. Please sign off when you have read one. When all 6 have been read. Please complete a review, a poster, a picture or some writing about your favourite.

English

This term we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction texts that are linked to our enquiry. We will be making our own flip flap books with mixed up animal facts and also making non-fiction fact files.

In daily handwriting sessions we will be beginning to join our letters focussing on joining 2 letters at a time.

Maths

In maths this half term we will be working on-

- Introducing weight and mass - measuring and comparing.
- Introducing capacity and volume - measuring and comparing.
- Multiplication and division- making and sharing into equal groups, making arrays and doubling
- Introducing fractions, finding and making a half and a quarter of a shape/number

Music

In music this half term, our unit will be based around animals in the zoo and the jungle. The musical element we will focus on is **duration**. We will play lots of musical games to reinforce our understanding of the steady beat and begin to notate rhythms using the syllables in different animal names.

Other useful information-

Keep an eye out for our upcoming trips and visitors. Information, dates and cost to be sent out very soon.

PE Days

PE is now Tuesday and Wednesday for both classes.

