



The Year 1 theme for Spring 1 half term is 'All Creatures Great and Small'



This covers many areas of the curriculum as shown below.

English - In our English writing sessions we will research fun facts about creatures of all shapes and sizes and begin to write non-fiction texts such as information fact files and book-lets. We will also read the book 'oi Frog' and learn all about rhyming. This would be a great book for you to enjoy together at home too! We will also write a recount about our visitor in school.

Maths - We will be having regular 'Mental Maths' sessions where we will learn to count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Our Maths lessons this half term will cover: Place value, addition and subtraction, money, fractions and time. Children will learn to recognise coins and begin to make amounts using real life coins. We will also learn to tell the time to o'clock and half past.

Reading- All children in Year 1 will take part in Read Write Inc daily to learn their set 2 and 3 sounds needed to read words. Children will read texts suited directly to their ability and be able to bring these home to share and practise alongside you. Reading is a key skill which we learn in school. Please remember to record 3 reads per week in your child's reading record and enjoy bedtime stories together.

Topic - After lunch pupils will be involved in a wide range of activities designed to enrich the curriculum. We will complete a theme day and outdoor activities linking to our local area topic.

PE - Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we ask for all children to attend school every Wednesday in their PE kit. If our PE day changes we will update you via the app or social media.

Art - In our Art lessons we will learn all about the famous artists Joan Miro and Jeff Koons. We will create artwork in the style of their famous artwork and learn to recall facts about them.

Science - In Science we will learn to identify animals of all shapes and sizes. We will look at the structure of animals, sort them into categories (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) and we will learn all about what animals eat. We will also learn what an omnivore, carnivore and herbivore is and categorise animals by what they eat.
At home can you talk about different animals and pets that you have? Can you show and discuss how to look after them?

Computing - This half term we will learn all about E-Safety and how we can ensure we stay safe online. We will celebrate E-Safety week in school and create posters to display around our school to show others how to be safe online.

On 20th January 2021 we will have a very exciting visitor joining us at school along with a wide range of animals. Keep an eye out on social media and our year group page on the school website for pictures.

Animal Homework Project-

Can you research facts about and draw your favourite animal?
Can you create a model of your favourite animal? Can you create a habitat model? Can you go on an outdoor walk and spot local animal habitats?

Please bring your projects into school the first week back!

We cannot wait to see how creative you can be during the holidays!

Merry Christmas to you and your families. Have fun and stay safe!

See you all soon in 2021! **From the Year 1 Team.**

