

Year 1 Autumn Term 2

Curriculum Newsletter

Friday 6th November

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Welcome back to everyone after the half-term break! The children are already very busy with our new 'Wild at heart' topic. This is a science-based unit of work where the children categorise animals into their different groups: *mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles*, and find out facts about animals in this group. The children will be learning about the importance of looking after the environment. We will look at how some animal habitats have suffered due to people not recycling and keeping the world clean. There is lots of information and activities on the children's RSPCA website. The children will be creating a gallery to help inform everybody about the importance of recycling and reducing pollution for animal welfare. They will be creating pieces of art work to represent their thinking. We look forward to sharing this with you virtually later this half term.



In English the children will be using the knowledge they have gained from their scientific learning to create animal fact files. They will be learning to use subheadings to group their ideas into different sections. They will learn to use the conjunctions: *and, but and because* to extend their sentences. We will be reading 'Gorilla' by Antony Brown to inspire them to write their very own stories about a toy animal who comes to life. They will learn to use different adjectives to describe animals in their story.



In phonics the children will begin to learn the new phase 5 digraphs. These are alternative graphemes for the sounds they have already learnt. e.g. 'ay' can be another way to make 'ai'. Please flash the sound cards in your book daily before reading with your child. We will Marvellous me, the sounds we have practised so you know which ones to practise with your child. We will continue to send home the weekly Funky Phonics book. These contain real and monster words and are examples of words the children will encounter in their phonics test. In class we ask children to underline the digraph and 'robot talk' the word. (This means sound it out to read the word). Please practise reading these words at home throughout the week.

You should have received the spelling list for this half term via google classroom. Your child should now have a paper copy too. Please practise these words with your child as they will be tested on these words on Friday 4th December. We will inform you via MME of your child's score. Any words the children have not spelt correctly, we will ask you to continue to practise with your child at home. They need to spell all these words correctly by the end of year 1. It is important they form their letters the correct way in order to get the spelling correct. If you would like a copy of all the words for the year, please see the school website. If your child can already spell these words, encourage them to write them in sentences.

In mathematics the children will use a range of resources to make 2 digit numbers. They will partition 2 digit numbers into their tens and ones, e.g. 46 is made up of 4 tens and 6 ones. This could be represented using 4 10ps and 6 1ps. They will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and solve worded problems using this skill. e.g. I have 4 bags of balls with 10 in each bag. How many do I have? They will learn the number bonds to 10 and use this to help them to add and subtract, e.g. I know $7 + 4 = 11$ because I know $7 + 3 = 10$ and 1 more makes 11. Please see the mathematics home learning sheet for activities you could do at home with your child.



How to support at home

Topic project

- Choose either a tiger, snake, elephant or octopus and create an animal fact file. (please see the home learning sheet for more information_).



Reading

- Read daily with your child using <https://my.risingstars-uk.com>. Your child's class teacher has assigned the books so they are carefully matched to their phonics level. (The username is your child's first name and initial letter of their second name. e.g JamesS. The password is qwerty and the id number is **6039784**).

Phonics



- Flash the sounds before reading to help your child to 'warm up' before reading.
- Practise reading the funky phonics words which will come home each week.

Spellings



- Spell the half termly words. (see the website for fun ways to practise spelling these words).



Mathematics

- Recall number bonds to 10.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Year 1 team