

Year 1 Autumn Term 2

Curriculum Newsletter

Friday 5th November



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term break! It has been lovely to see you virtually in the parent evening meetings. Our topic for this half term is '**Wild at heart**'. This is a science-based unit of work where the children categorise animals into their different groups. The children enjoyed their visit to Paultons Park where they were able to spot some different animals and use their mapping skills from last half term and go on a few rides too!



Discovery

In Discovery the children will be using the knowledge they have gained from their scientific learning to create animal fact files.' They will also be learning how to write instructions on 'How to look after a Pet'.

Phonics

In phonics the children will continue to learn the new phase 5 digraphs. On a Friday, the children will continue to bring home spellings for you to practise reading and writing to help consolidate their learning of these new sounds in class. These will be shared on google classroom too. We will also be sending home a sound booklet this half term with all the new sounds from year 1 for you to practise with your little one.

Mathematics

In mathematics the children will learn different strategies to add and subtract numbers to 20. They will learn the number bonds to 10 and 20 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. They will write addition and subtraction sentences in different ways and explore where the equals sign goes in a number sentence, e.g. $20 = 7 + 13$ or $13 + 7 = 20$. Please see the mathematics home learning sheet for activities you could do at home with your child.



Wider Curriculum

In geography 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 looking after the environment. They will be creating pieces of art work to represent their thinking and writing a persuasive piece of writing on the importance of looking after the environment.



Home learning

For the children's home learning project, we would like you to choose one of the 5 groups: *mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles*, and find out facts about animals in this group. Please see the attached home learning sheet for more information.

Reading

Please ensure that book bags are brought into school every day with your child's reading book and diary. Both may be required for reading or phonic activities. It really supports children's reading development to read regularly at home as well as in school. Please remember to sign the diary to show you've read. If your child reads at least 3 times, they will earn a point for their class. We will write detailed comments when we read 1 to 1 with your child twice per half term but we continue to read daily with your child in guided groups. If you would like additional support or comments, we check the diaries regularly. Remember your child's teacher will change their book weekly and it is carefully selected. However if you would like an additional book, you can access all the coloured ebooks on Rising Stars.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Year 1 team