

This term our new topic is **'Poles Apart'**. We will be taking on the role of Scientists, Geographers and Artists in the build up to our very own Year 1 'animal arts exhibition'. Please take a look at the information in this curriculum newsletter to give you an idea of what we will be learning and how you can help at home.



Our WOW starter will be: Animal ice cube treasure hunt

Our Fab Finale will be: An animal art exhibition and auction for our parents.

Enrichment trips/visitors/experiences: Pet show and tell. Virtual Zoo visit. RSPB Big garden bird watch

Our Maths Learning...

In maths lessons we will be learning place value up to 20, looking carefully at the way they are made up of tens and ones. We will find 1 more and 1 less within 20, building our speed and fluency with number facts and bonds up to 20 as well. Using our knowledge of place value, we will practice our addition and subtraction skills and fluency in different contexts. Including problem solving and reasoning.

Our English Learning...

We will be reading the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and writing our own narratives set in a cold part of the world. As well as this we will be writing letters and recounts through the story 'Meerkat Mail' and the 'Catch it' video from Literacy shed. We will look at environmental issues and endangered animals through the book 'Oi get off our train' by John Burnham .

Our Science Learning...

We will be naming and grouping animals in our science learning. As a class we will make a book of pets, each contributing our own pets or dream pets. More details can be found on the finger tip skills sheet attached.

Our Art and DT Learning...

We will be learning the skill of printing, using natural materials. We will explore texture and pattern, looking at traditional textiles from around the world. Artist of the Term - India Flint

In Design Technology, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own pop up animal cards by creating a moving mechanism.

Our Geography Learning...

Geography will be one of our key curriculum drivers for this topic, a detailed overview can be found on our finger tip skills document.

Music

In the groove, we will learn about music from different cultures including Bhangra.

P.E.

Fundamental Movement skills and Gymnastics

Relaxed Kids with Ms Anderson.

R.E.

Theme: Jesus as a friend
Key Question: Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?
Religion: Christianity

Computing

We will type our own inserts for the class book of pets by using word processing.

History

We will learn about individuals who have dedicated their lives to study animals and their habitats. E.g. Jane Goodall

How you can help at home...

- *Check Seesaw for homework tasks and communication about the learning in this newsletter.
- *Use Spelling Shed and Doodle Maths using the 'little and often approach'.
- *Continue to read 4 or more times a week and leave a note in the reading record to be a rocketeer.
- *Practice reading and spelling the red words sent home, these will now be made available on Seesaw weekly.
- *Practice 'bonds to ten and twenty' and fluency in 1 more/1 less in numbers up to 20. Record these as addition/subtraction.
- * Talk about your child's learning with them , building on and using the key vocabulary in the knowledge organiser.

School Value: Co-operation **Futura Value:** Collaboration **British Value:** Rule of Law

Building Learning Power: Wise Owl **SCARF:** Keeping Myself Safe

Cultural Calendar Events: Safer Internet Day, Martin Luther King Day, Chinese New Year

