

## English

We will start off this half term with some traditional tales about animals. We will read three different versions of the same tale! We will also read a famous fantasy story about some imaginary creatures.

In our non-fiction unit, we will think creating fact files about some of the animals that we have learnt about.

## Spring 2

February, March and April 2025

Please remember to hear your child read as often as possible (at least 4 times a week) and to **record this in their reading diary.** We LOVE winning Oswald!

Please keep practising the phonics cards that are sent home in the children's phonics folders. Year 1 all have new tricky words for this half term to read and spell.

## Maths

Children in Reception will be counting, adding on and subtracting using much larger numbers. They will be learning about measures, 3D shapes, collecting data, money and telling the time.

Year 1 children will be furthering their knowledge of all operations- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be using money to calculate and problem solve. The children will be learning about measuring length and capacity while collecting data.

## Class 1

Mrs Pratley and Ms Munro  
Mrs Pearce and Mrs Ellis.



## Science

In science lessons we will be looking at 'Amazing animals'. We will be thinking about classifying animals by their groups, diets, where they live, their features/adaptations, their young and their life cycles. Then we will use what we know about real animals to discuss fantasy creatures such as dragons. We will then design our own fantasy creature and decide where it will live and what it will eat.

**PE is on a Wednesday and also on a Friday. Please keep PE kit in school all week.**

## Topic

Our topic is all about 'Amazing animals'. Through our work on animals, we will look at which animals live on which continents and how they are adapted to live there. We will look at key vocabulary linked to geography and science. We will be learning about two famous people who are associated with animals and what they did to help the animals that they loved. We will look at some animal extremes from the biggest to the fastest and the tallest.

Phonics with some handwriting is taught daily from Monday to Thursday 9.00am until 9.30am.

## RE

In R.E. we will ask the question, 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?' We will look at the Easter festival and its special symbols and also read the story of the Good Samaritan and ask, 'How can we help others when they need it?'

## Computing/ ICT

We will be using the computers, laptops and iPads to find out information and play games to further our learning.

Children in Y1 will be using 'Purple Mash' to make animated story books that have pictures, text, sound and music. They will save, copy, paste and share their work.

## Music

The children will be looking at classical music, dynamics and tempo. They will work with our animals theme to compose, sing and perform their own pieces of music.

## Art/Design

Children will complete different artwork in class related to animals. The craft corner is always open for their own work too.