



January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

**Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Animals'.**

We are continuing with '**Out and About**' where we spend every Monday afternoon out of the classroom. We are using the Conservation Area, Reading Bus, field and trim trail. Children ideally need Wellington boots and a waterproof coat for this session.

In English we are using fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic of Animals. We will use books about the jungle as inspiration for writing and creative displays. We will be looking at wolves in more detail, asking questions and looking at the different sources we can use to research the answers. Phonics continues to be taught daily as a whole class using the Mayfield phonics programme and a specialised reading scheme. We will begin guided reading sessions where we introduce a picture/book/clip for discussion, followed by reading in small groups.

In Maths we are developing our calculation and problem solving skills. We have been looking at odd and even numbers and will continue to use a variety of methods such as part whole diagrams and tens frames to investigate partitioning numbers.

In Science the children will learn to sort animals into different groups – carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and will investigate and identify a variety of common animals including birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates.

Dance happens in PE on Tuesday afternoons in the large hall. **We are using 'Peter and the Wolf' as our stimulus.** We are also using this in our music lessons. Outdoor PE is on Thursday afternoons. Please continue to remember to leave earrings at home on Tuesdays and Thursdays – thank you.

In PSHE we are looking at our emotions, reflecting on our own feelings and those of others in different situations. In RE the children will be looking at why Churches are special for Christians.

**The week before half term will be 'spirals'** week and this time it will be all about Dinosaurs! We look forward to talking to each of the children again about their learning and having as much fun with the topic as we did with Space. Half term is 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February. Please note the school is also closed Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February for teacher training.

1K have their assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 in the large hall.

1HC have their class assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00.

We are very grateful for all of your support as we work together to support the children in their learning. Please do talk to us about your child's needs, and we look forward to seeing you all soon at the Parent/Carer consultation meetings in February.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team