



Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Animals'

We are continuing 'Out and About' where half of 1MC spends every Thursday morning, and half of 1J spends every Wednesday morning outside of the classroom. Children continue to need wellington boots, a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers for these sessions – we go whatever the weather!

In English we are using fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic of Animals. We will, week by week, be working through the book 'Walking through the Jungle' (so just as with 'Little Polar Bear' please don't read ahead") where each double page is focused on a different habitat; jungles, oceans and seas, mountains, deserts

Phonics continues to be taught daily as a whole class and we expect that all children are given the opportunity to read, and be read to at home. 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 ten 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.

In Music we will use 'Peter and the Wolf' as our stimulus and we will have access to the percussion trolley from the Music cupboard this term!

Outdoor PE will continue to be on Tuesdays for 1J and Wednesdays for 1MC, please continue to leave earrings at home on these days and dress your children in warm outdoor clothing and trainers.

In RE the children will be looking at why Churches are special for Christians.



Half term is 12th – 22nd February.

We are very grateful for all of your support as we work together to help the children progress and develop. Please do talk to us about your child's needs.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team