



# Year 1 Term 4 Curriculum Letter

Welcome back Year 1! We are now over half way through the year. How quickly it has gone? Time flies when we are having fun!

In Term 4, we have so many amazing things to do. I cannot wait to tell you and show parents everything that we will be up to! Let's keep our super Happy Hippo smiles on our face like always and come back as super Motivated Monkeys!

I look forward to seeing you all!

## Maths 1 2 3

As part of our maths learning, we will focus on fractions this term! We will be exploring equal parts and how we can make halves and quarters using lots of objects.

In our maths topic, we will be looking at time. We will be seeing different lengths of times and how many things we can do within a set time. We will also be reading clocks and understanding what the hour and minute hands mean.

We will also continue with counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s and we will be recapping and reviewing past learning. There are lots of songs to sing along to on YouTube! Have fun!

## English!

In English our focus text is going to be 'The Snail and the Whale'. We will be able to retell this story in multiple different ways and explore the characters and settings. At the end of this story we are going to be able to recreate 'The Snail and the Whale' using our own ideas and imaginations.

For non-fiction we will be able to explore reading non-fiction texts, looking at the features and practising finding information independently. We can then create our own non-fiction text on your chosen area!



## Science

In science, we will be exploring David Attenborough and we will be able to classify a variety of different animals by looking at their features. We will also be able to use the vocabulary of herbivore, omnivore, and carnivore based on our knowledge of what the animals diet is.

## Topmarks

Practise your counting forwards and back using

Top marks games! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Play 'Helicopter Rescue', it's lots of fun!



When using the internet at home, please encourage your child to use the safe search engine **Kiddle**.  
[www.kiddle.co/](http://www.kiddle.co/)

This site is run by Google and has safe search functions built into it to help protect children.

#### Reminders:

- PE kits for PE lessons on Fridays, earrings should be left at home.
- Daily reading recorded in planners and signed.
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Boots may be worn during the winter months. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's home contact book.
- Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.
- Buster's book club should be recorded every Wednesday to be counted on Thursday morning.
- Please label children's clothing clearly.

#### Amazing Animals

Our learning lift off for our 'Amazing Animals' topic is going to be dressing up as an animal! You can be as animal-like as you wish or bring in an animal teddy! I am looking forward to seeing all your amazing costumes. We will be exploring lots of different animals and what their diets consist off, even exploring animal 'poo' to become real investigators!

We will be exploring their fur, patterns and prints.

We will be able to tell you all about animals by the end of term 4!

#### In Art/DT...

In Art we are going to be exploring different materials to recreate animal prints. We will be selecting our final print, thinking about layers, colours and textures and putting these onto our own tote bags for you to take home!

#### In RE...

We will be exploring what we can learn from Sacred books. We will be thinking about what stories are special to us and why? We will also be looking at the importance of the Bible to Christians.

#### In Music...

We will be using percussion instruments to be able to write and perform a musical piece using different pitches, rhythms and patterns.

#### In Computing...

We will be using the laptops to explore how to create digital art and pictures. Once we have become professionals at this we will be creating and adding sound to the digital art that we have made. To be able to do this we will be remembering how to save and re-load our work on Purple Mash.

#### In PSHE...

We will be exploring the concept of money. What is it? What do we do with it? Also, how can we keep our money safe? We will be able to have a 'class shop' to practise whether we would prefer to spend money or save it.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

If you need to contact me, please contact me through the Year 1 email address or a note in your child's contact book. I will also be available after school at pick up time.