

Year 1 Autumn 1

Welcome back and welcome to the Year 1 newsletter.

Our topic is “Paws, Claws, Whiskers, Hands and Feet”

English

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books as a class. Focused texts include: Funny Bones - The Pet Shop, Dear Zoo and a selection of non-fiction books about reptiles.

Children will be encouraged to break down unfamiliar words using phonic strategies and to discuss what they have read. Children will take part in daily phonic sessions as well as having daily English lessons.

We ask that you listen to your children read daily and practise reading Year 1 common exception words.

Maths

Children will be consolidating their previous work on number facts up to 10, addition and subtraction within 10 using a range of strategies. We will look at finding one more and one less, writing numbers on a number line and finding the missing number.

This learning will also lead into children investigating numbers using part-part-whole strategy. (i.e. This is a part-part-whole diagram. It shows that 6 is the **whole**, 2 is a **part** and the other **part** is missing.)

Science

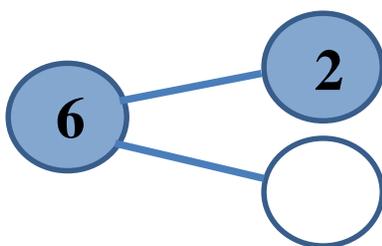
During Science the children will sort photographs of living and non-living things, label animals and humans' body parts, identify and classify animals (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore; mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds. We will look at the basic parts of the human body and talk about how each sense relates to specific part of our body.

Computing

The children will be learning how to use technology purposefully and give information. They will practise and refine skills in selecting images and texts, organising them clearly and selecting what they need. The children will also learn to save their work.

History

We will be looking at changes the children experienced from birth up to now and look into the future thinking about how they could look when they are grown-ups. We will also discuss about how school has changed since their parents/grandparents were in school.



Art

In Art we will learn to draw using shapes as outlines. Children will draw a range of animals using shapes and a range of print-making and collage materials to make patterns based on the natural markings of a range of animal skins and furs.

Design Technology

This half term children will design and make a label for a can of pet food. They will also think of why some pets make better pets than others and then they will create a fantastical pet using clay and paint it.

PE

In PE this term we will be doing core skills activities (taught by a sports coach) and Dance (taught by a specialist dance teacher)

RE

Children will look at our wonderful world. They will go for a walk and observe the world using their senses, then return to class and discuss the beauty of our world and how we should care for it and look after it. Children will learn to treat things with care and sensitivity. We will also look at the Christian story of Creation.

Forest School

During Forest School we will be testing our senses by moving in a variety of ways, designing their own journey stick and exploring each of the senses through related activities: write/ draw a list of sounds we can hear in the classroom/playground and discuss the volume of the sounds or have some small pieces of bread dipped in marmite, honey, decaffeinated coffee, lemon juice for children to taste.

Homework	Reading: Please listen to your child read daily and comment in their reading record.
PE	Our PE days are: Monday morning Friday afternoon Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school on appropriate days and that earrings are out and hair is tied back.
Library	Children will have the opportunity to visit the library.

Anything you do at home, please feel free to bring in as we can display it on our English and Maths Working Wall.

