

This half term we will be learning all about the topic of "Paws, Claws and Whiskers".

Reading books- there is no set day to change reading books. We encourage independence in selecting books and expect your child to change their book at least once a week. We are encouraging reading at least three times a week, so that lots of raffle tickets are given.

Remember to sign the reading records!

Spellings- your child will receive new spellings every Friday. The spellings will be on the following Friday. Please help your child learn these spellings at home and continue to learn spelling that were not correct.

PE will stay on Fridays. Children will need a named bottle and their book bag in school every day. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that children are layering up as the vents and windows will have to be open. Please label all clothing includes their coat!

Thank you- Year 1 team ©

Other areas of learning

- As Scientists we will we will be learning about animals and their features
- As Geographers we will be learning about maps and plan perspectives
- As Design Technologists we will be making animal puppets
- As Artists we will explore animal prints through the art work of Karel Appel
- In Computing we will understand how to log on to laptops and start using computer programmes independently
- In our learning about PSHE, we are learning celebrating our differences

<u>Mathematics</u>

Areas covered this half term include:-

- Continuing to learn numbers bonds for 10, 20
 10s, 2s, 5s for the Knights of The Times table challenge which will take place every fortnight
- Measures we will be developing vocabulary and knowledge of time, days and months of the year
- Comparing and ordering numbers using place value
- Addition and subtraction using the counting on and back method
- Geometry we will be developing our knowledge and shape and properties

We will continue to embed our knowledge of number and shape, space and measure through problem solving and everyday examples. This term we will set Mathletics activities online for your child.

Reading and Writing

We will be looking at the following types of genres and text:

- Animal Story (Description of animals. habits and habitats)
- Non-Chronological reports
- Our Power of reading text this term is The Emperor's Egg

We will continue to apply our phonic knowledge in our writing:

- Write narratives, using sentences that make sense including clear finger spaces
- Continue to develop the use of conjunctions to extend our sentences such as; because, so, and.
- Working on our cursive letter formation
- Focus on using a range of punctuation-Capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks
- Learn basic grammar rules

Phonics and Spelling

Your child will have daily phonics or spelling lessons where they are taught phonemes and tricky words to enable them to segment (break down) and blend (put together) the sounds to read words.

Guided Reading

Your child will be listened to in their guided reading group at least once every week in School. At this time we have other reading based activities to further embed their phonic skills and comprehension knowledge.