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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed some well-earned sleep-ins. This term our topic is Animal Planet. The children have already started looking at animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctic and we will be finding out lots of information about animals that live in the rainforest, in the desert, in the grasslands and in the ocean. Planet Earth II here we come!

We are busily organising an amazing trip to Hamerton Zoo which will take place in the second week after half term – more details to follow.

Topic Focus	Animal Planet
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	The focus this term is on fiction and non-fiction stories about different animals. The children will be using the time language of first, next, then, and finally in narratives and will be learning about suffixes (-ing, -ed, -s, -es) and prefixes (un-) In Phonics, the children are working on their phase 5 sounds. Please continue to support your child with their reading as often as you can by sharing books together.
Maths	This term we will be developing a greater understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We will be learning to tell the time and sequencing events into chronological order. We will also be solving problems related to number, measurement and time.
Science	In science we will be classifying animals and once the weather gets warmer we will be observing plants and identifying parts of the plants and what they need to grow and survive.
RE	The RE focus this term is on who was Jesus and his role as a leader and a teacher.
Computing	We will continue to use our Blue-Bots to practise programming. The children will be learning how to create and save pictures and work.
PSHE	In PSHE we are going to be talking about diversity and celebrating similarities and differences, relating to groups in and out of school. We will then move onto Healthy and Safer Lifestyles, where we are looking at managing risks.
Art and DT	In DT, the children will be designing and evaluating their projects. We will start by making an igloo and will move on to making other 3D objects. In Art, we will be practising shading and using ICT to create designs.
History and Geography	The children will be comparing the lives of Charles Darwin and David Attenborough to look at change. Geography plays a big part of our topic this term. The children will also continue to make seasonal observations.
Music	Children will enjoy using their voices expressively and creatively. They will have an opportunity to play a range of instruments. They will listen to a variety of music.

PE	<p>Children <u>must</u> have the following: t shirt, shorts/leggings, socks and trainers.</p> <p>PE kits need to be in school at all times. Please ensure their kit is <u>clearly named</u> so we can find it more easily if it goes missing. Un-labelled kit left in the classroom will be popped into the lost property box.</p> <p>Children will be studying dance and gymnastics this term.</p>
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Home Learning: More information will follow about home learning. Tasks will usually be very open-ended so that the children can do as much as they like. Home learning is meant to consolidate what they are learning in class and should be fun. If your child is finding something too hard, please let us know and we will to change it for them.

Important Dates Spring:

Wednesday 8th February

Thursday 9th February

Monday 13th February

Monday 20th February

Tuesday 21st February

Tuesday 28th March

Friday 31st March

Consultation meetings

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Half- term holiday starts

Staff Training Day (No school)

Term re-starts

Key Stage 1 Easter Hat Parade

Term ends

We appreciate any help you can offer us as parents. If you would like to help out in the classroom or if you have any questions concerning the curriculum or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wallace / Mrs Hill (1 Maple) and Miss Lee (1 Willow)