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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 here we come!

We are busily organising an amazing trip to Hamerton Zoo which will take place on Friday 2nd March – more details to follow.

Topic Focus	Animal Planet
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English/Literacy	This term we will be looking at fiction and non-fiction books about different animals. In Phonics, the children will continue to work on their phase 5 sounds including looking at alternative spellings. 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, measurements and time.
Science	We will be enjoying investigative science tasks as part of our whole school science weeks. In science we will be classifying animals and looking at what an animal needs to survive in terms of habitat and food.
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 practice 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. We will then move onto Healthy and Safer Lifestyles, where we will be looking at managing risks.
Art and DT	In DT, the children will work with a variety of materials to develop their designing and creating skills. In Art, we will be practising shading and creating colour. We will also be using clay to create animal tiles.
History and Geography	The children will be comparing the lives of Charles Darwin and David Attenborough. Children will be able to locate the north and south poles on a globe and can point to the equator. We will continue to observe seasonal changes.
Music	The children will learn songs, focusing on pulse through physical movement. They will play in time to a beat using instruments and body percussion. They will talk about long and short sounds and loud and quiet sounds. They will use hand signals to show when and how to play our sounds.
PE	Children will be studying dance and gymnastics this term. Children <u>must</u> have the following: t shirt, shorts/leggings, socks and trainers. PE kits need to be in school at all times. Please ensure their kit is clearly named so we can find it more easily if it goes missing. Un-labelled kit left in the classroom will be put into the lost property box. 1W will have Mrs Hammond for gymnastics this half term as Miss Lee will be delivering PE in Year 4.

Important Dates Spring:

Wednesday 7th Feb

Parent Consultation meetings

Thursday 8th Feb

Parent Consultation meetings

Monday 12th February

Half term starts

Monday 19th February

Term re-starts

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Friday 2nd March

Hamerton Zoo trip

Thursday 29th March

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), Miss Lee (1 Willow), Miss Wilkinson (1 Beech)