



Welcome back, I hope you all had a good half term break and enjoyed the sunshine.

The children have settled back into the new term really well and are already back into full swing of our busy routines.

They are really enjoying the changes that have happened to the classroom over the half term; settling to read in our book cage and looking after our poorly teddies in the vets. There are many that are covered in bandages and plasters.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come and see me.
Miss Daum

Maths

This half term, we begin by looking at multiplication and division and different methods we can use to solve these. We then move onto fractions and working out what a half and a quarter is of different shapes, amounts and numbers. We will be using this knowledge to apply this to everyday life. Finally we will look at some measurement focusing on money and length. During our money learning we will be looking at what coins and notes we have and how we can make totals.



This half term our theme is 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. We will be finding out lots about different animals from domestic pets to wild animals.

Within our English lessons, we begin by writing our own animal stories based on the 'Just So Stories' of how animals got certain features e.g. How the elephant got his trunk. We will be then writing information booklets about how to look after a tiger basing this on the story 'The Tiger that came to Tea.' Finishing off the half term writing instructions based on how to look after an animal and be a zoo keeper.

In our Science lessons we will be looking at different features of animals and humans and why they are needed, food chains and what animals need in order to survive both in the wild and in a zoo.

In Geography we will be looking at maps and globes, learning where different animals come from and creating our own zoo map based on the knowledge we have of animals.

In our Art & Design technology sessions we will be making an enclosure for an animal based on its needs and sketching and drawing animals based on an artist while adding in detail using different techniques.

Indoor PE this half term is gymnastics. We will be thinking about how different animals move and putting these together to create routines using different heights and levels. Outdoor PE will continue to be multi skills working on our skills of throwing, catching, aiming and teamwork through skill based games.

Dates for the diary:



Thurs 7th March – World Book Day

Tues 26th March – Parent consultation 4-6.

Weds 27th March – Parent consultation 6-8

Fri 29th March – Mothering Sunday lunch

March – Keep your eyes peeled for a visit from a vet for Year 1 – more information to follow

Fri 5th April – Last Day of Term

Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

Reading planners will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks. If a child needs to **change their reading book** their book and planner needs to be placed in the green tray.

Home learning will be marked on a Friday and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the green tray. I will then aim to respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on a Thursday.**

Mrs Green will teach the class on a Monday morning or afternoon on alternate weeks.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school.

Our **P.E. days are Monday and Wednesday.** Wednesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting). Please ensure a kit is in school on these days.