



Year 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

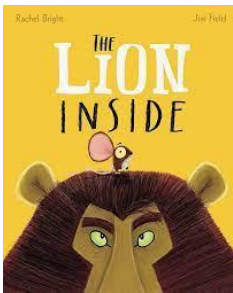
Topic – Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Our new topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers is all about the study of animals. In science, the focus is understanding the structure of different animals and classifying them into groups such as mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and insects. In geography, we will be devising our own simple maps and looking at world maps. We will be discussing which parts of the world animals live and why they live in that part of the world.



We will be continuing our learning on noticing seasonal changes and patterns for this time of Year, looking at Spring.

Writing



This half term our first text driver is 'The Lion inside' is a lovely story about fear and bravery. We will be looking at the characters and comparing their similarities and differences. Children will have the opportunity to hot seat one of the characters and role play parts of the story. Our writing focus is to create a character description using the conjunction 'and'

Meerkat Mail is another adventure story about a meerkat who wants to live away from his busy, loud family. The children will be writing postcards as Sunny, the meerkat telling his family all about his visit to Alvin, his cousin at La Moye and the week he spent in Year 1. The focus of our writing will be using the days of the week spelt correctly and with a capital letter.



Reading

Please read with your child 5 times a week. Please ensure your child's book bag is brought back **EVERYDAY** to enable them to swap over books when needed.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on:

- Addition and subtraction with numbers to 20.
- Place value up to 50.
- Measurements such as length, height, weight and mass and money.
- Solving word problems with clear reasoning.

DT

In DT, we will be exploring different materials and looking at puppets. The 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic gives the children the opportunity to look at more detail into what fascinating animals look like before designing and creating their own animal hand puppet.

Music. The children will be exploring a range of untuned instruments and using them to make simple rhythms.

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education)



In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, our topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will be discussing what a healthy and balanced diet looks like. We will discuss the importance of physical activity and how we can ensure we are getting enough. We will end the chapter by discussing healthy relationships and how to stay calm and deal with difficult decisions.

Home Learning

Must: Read every day for 10 minutes.

Should: Practice reading and spellings of common exception words, number/letter formation and number bonds within 20.

Could: Research an animal and create a fact file poster about it.

Useful Website

- Teach Handwriting - <https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/cursive-letters-beginners-choice-3.html>

Show & Tell

We all love Show & Tell; however, we need to become a little more specific about *what* we show & tell. Please use these guidelines:

- A special achievement
- A celebration outside of school.
- A Special Family event (a family visitor or a BIG birthday celebration)
- An independent creation linked to current topic.

Show & Tell is only possible on a Friday due to time constraints and curriculum coverage.

Key Dates

4 th March	Zoo Trip – volunteers needed please: 9am – 12 noon
5 th March	World Book Day
20 th March	Comic Relief Day
21 st March	Down Syndrome Awareness Day
24 th & 26 th March	Parent Consultations
1 st April	End of Term

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 1 Team