Believe **~** Learn **~** Grow

Spring Term 1

Friday 13th January 2023



Amazing Animals

Dear Class 1 Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are as excited as us about the coming spring terms. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of our lovely Christmas presents and those who kindly donated to local charities.

Please find attached a copy of this term’s topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for this term as well as some activities for the children to develop their knowledge and skills further at home.

Topic:

Over the course of term 3, our topic will be called Amazing Animals. We look forward to welcoming Amanda Butler again this year from the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation to update us on the endangered animals her foundation work with. We hope to work with Amanda to take part in a courageous advocacy campaign to raise awareness of the plight of the African endangered animals.

Home Learning:

Reading:

We will continue to change reading books on a **Friday** this term. We would encourage you to log in to the child’s BoomReader account to update us on reading at home. Please keep your child’s reading book in their book bag and bring into school every day. In class, children will read with a member of staff at least twice a week in a group.A note of this will be made in their BoomReader account.

Spellings:

Spelling tests will still continue to be on a **Friday** with new spellings given out on a **Monday.** Our first spelling test will be on **Friday 13th January**. The children will be given a new spelling book with ideas for practising spellings inside the cover. They will be expected to use some of these ideas to practise their spellings and to use the handwriting sheet to practise their letter formation.

The children will also receive a new login for Spelling Shed next week which will give them different activities to practice their words during the week. This is not a compulsory activity but provides an alternative way of rehearsing spellings.

Nippy Numbers:

Nippy Numbers will continue this term. The aim of Nippy Numbers is to increase fluency at home so your child can calculate their number bonds without counting on their fingers. Children have one minute to answer all ten questions to prove that these facts are embedded.

Numbots – Children can also utilise Numbots as an additional way of practising key facts.

PE:

In addition to the ‘Golden Mile’, the children will have P.E. on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days. The children will be outside for some of their P.E. lessons so jogging bottoms will be preferable. Any child with long hair must always have their hair tied back.

Values:

In Spring Term 1 we will be learning all about ‘Perseverance’. These are the focus aspects of this value:

Pressing on Eager to continue Running the race Sticking with things Encouraging each other to keep going Valuing the support of others Eyes fixed on the target Reaching a goal over time Aiming to complete the task Not giving up Commitment to keep going Ending up where you want to be.

Our class Value Assembly for this year will be during the afternoon of **Thursday 2nd February**. It would be lovely to see you if you are able to join us at 2.30pm to share our learning about the value of Perseverance in Class 1.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the office and we will get back to you.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Jones, Mrs dos Santos, Mrs Butler, Mrs Audis and Mrs Millington