

Year 1 Summer 2

Our topic is...



Endangered  
Beasties

## **Supporting your child's learning at home**

The most effective way of supporting your child's learning is by taking an interest in what they are doing. This leaflet should give you a starting point for talking about what learning your child is doing at school. There are ideas below to support their learning at home.

### **English**

Our English this half term we shall be focussing on stories based around 'Endangered Animals'. We shall start the half term reading the story 'The Lumber-Jack's Beard' by Duncan Beedie. We will focus on adding suffixes and plurals and making sure our sentences are interesting by using exciting adjectives.

We then move on to read a story called 'Oi Get Off My Train' by John Burningham. We will be using drama activities to help us explain why these animals are endangered. Our last story of the half term is 'Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge, our focus will be writing diary entries, poems and questions. We will be using drama activities to explore the emotions of the characters. Our focus will be on exciting language, use of questions and use of the range of sentence types expected for Year 1 children.

#### **At home you should:**

- Continue reading with your child regularly and practising the phonic sounds in the Reading Diary.
- Expand your child's vocabulary by discussing more challenging and exciting words when reading to them.
- Speak to your child about what they are reading and encourage them to think about what might happen next or to consider why a character may be feeling as they are. This will help with their inference skills.
- Learning weekly spelling words.
- Practise handwriting when learning spelling words.

### **Mathematics**

This half term we shall start to look closely at measuring time to the hour and half past. We will then look at the value of money and position/direction. We will recap counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and number bonds to 10 and 20.

We will begin by learning how we can tell the time to the hour and half past by playing time games e.g. 'What is the time Mr Wolf' and time bingo. We will revisit ordering the days of the week and explaining what we do on each day and what time we do those activities. This is something you could also discuss at home.

We will then move on to Money and learn the value of each coin. The children will then be able to use their knowledge of addition to add the coins together.

We will then use Bee-Bots to support us with learning position and direction.

We will be looking at some problems involving reasoning and higher order thinking where the children will have to explain how or why in words.

**At home, you should:**

- Continue to practise times tables, in particular 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- Recap number bonds to 10 and 20 to ensure the children are secure.
- Tell the time at home and look at the value of money.

**Science**

During this half term, our Science is based around Scientists and Inventors.

We will learn about the work of some Scientists and Inventors and how it relates back to our previous learning in Science throughout the year.

**At home, you could:**

- Have a look at who invented toys that the children like (using the internet).
- Discuss what makes someone an inventor.
- Discuss which inventions have improved your life and why (e.g. dishwasher).

**Geography**



During our geography sessions, we will be focusing on Rainforests.

We will start by looking at where Rainforests are in the world and



whether they are warm or not. We will then move onto

looking at the different types of animals that live in the Rainforests and how they have adapted to their environment.

**Music**

During Music, we will be consolidating the learning that has occurred throughout the year. We shall be revisiting songs and musical activities, a context for the History of Music and the beginnings of the Language of Music. We shall continue to sing, play instruments within the song and perform the learning that has taken place.

## P.E

This term we will be doing Athletics, and in particular focusing on the type of things that happen on a sports day. We will be running, balancing, jumping and tackling obstacles. It will be really fun!



## R.E

Our topic this half term will be creation stories and although we will mainly be focussing on Christians we will briefly compare the Christian creation story with other creation stories in other religions and cultures.

## Art

We shall be exploring the artwork of Henri Rousseau and look carefully at how he uses natural materials to produce his artistic sculptures. We will then use his artwork as an inspiration to create our own.



## Class dojo:



Please remember you can message **any** of the Year 1 teachers on Class dojo with queries or questions that you may have.

Pine Class - Mrs Plant

Ash Class - Mrs Ellis