



Class 1 Newsletter

January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!!

We are really proud of how well all the children have settled back in to school this term and as always, how enthusiastic they are. We have to admit that all the teachers are especially enthusiastic and excited about our new topic, which is called

‘Carnival of the Animals’

We will be learning about a different group of animals each week (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects) which will link with many areas of the National Curriculum including Science, Geography, Art, Design and Technology, Dance and ICT. We have planned for some ‘real’ animals to come into school, but we will send home more information about this on a separate letter!

In Literacy, we will be continuing with the *Read, Write Inc.* programme which will build on phonetical knowledge, reading and writing skills. We will also be sharing animal books (fiction and non-fiction) to link with the topic. We would love to share any of the children’s favourite animal books they may have at home if they would like to bring them in.

In Numeracy, the main focus will be addition, subtraction, using a number line, 3D shapes, doubling and halving in practical contexts, telling the time and strengthening problem solving skills.

During R.E the children will be studying the unit ‘People in Christianity’, where they will be listening to stories and learning about people in Christianity.

We also plan to have a dress-up day towards the end of the half term (more information to follow). This will involve the children paying a £1 to dress up in an animal-themed costume (this could simply be a t-shirt with animals on, a onesie or a hat/ mask etc.). The money collected will be given to ‘Animals in Need’ which is a local animal charity.

Reading Books We are really impressed with how hard the children are working on their reading at home. Please continue to encourage your child to change their reading book and read regularly at home.

Show and share Instead of weekly ‘show and share,’ we would like the children to share any amazing animal facts that they can find out at home. Please encourage them to write these down or draw and label a picture showing the fact and we will share them with the rest of the class. If we have enough we may stick them into a class book!

Please can we also ask that you send in any small yoghurt pots that we can use to make bird feeders (for week beginning 16th Jan).

Do pop in and see us if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Randall and Mrs Heard