

# Class 1

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 4



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our fourth term in Class 1, we hope you had an enjoyable break. We have to admit that all the teachers are especially enthusiastic and excited about our new topic, which is called 'Animal Rescue'.

*Mrs. Davies*



## Term 4 Topic: *Animal Rescue*



Each week will see a new animal being saved in our 'Class Rescue Centre'. The different animals will be from different families within the animal kingdom (e.g. mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects). The children will have to research the different animals in order to care for them correctly. This will link with many areas of the National Curriculum. Our topic started with a lady from 'Animals in Need' in Northampton talking to the children about what goes on in a rescue centre. We have also planned for a few more animal visitors in school and for the whole class to visit Woburn Safari Park this term (details will be sent out on a separate letter).

Literacy: The children will be asking and answering questions about different animals and creating fact files. They will also be developing their reading and writing skills based on lots of fabulous animal stories and poetry throughout the term.

Mathematics: In addition to learning key skills, the children will develop mathematical understanding linked with the topic: exploring the height and weight of different animals; counting sets of animals; and solving problems within the rescue centre.

Geography: The children will look at how animals are suited to the environments and climates in which they live.

Art: The children will be exploring animal prints and re-creating them using different media. They will also be creating reptile pictures in a pointillism style.

DT: The children will be sewing their own animal puppets, making bird feeders and creating clay animals.

Science: The children will be sorting and grouping animals according to their features.

Computing: This will focus on how to use search engines to support research about different animals.

## Other subjects ...

Mathematics: Capacity, time, addition, subtraction and multiplication.

Music: The children will follow the *Charanga* unit of work called 'Round and Round'.

RE: The children will be learning about 'People in Christianity' and the Easter story.

PE: The children will be doing multi-skills and dance.

## Helping your child at home ...

### Reading:

Please continue to support your child with reading at home and complete the reading journals accordingly. We would love to see some more reading certificates this term. The children should be reading to an adult five times per week at home.

### Phonics:

We will be sending home the next set of phonics homework on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please make sure all phonics books are in school every Monday so that we can stick the new sheet in (even if the work has not been completed).

### Maths:

A new set of *My Maths* homework will be available on-line every Monday. Your child may also be given maths homework to be completed on paper. This can be done in addition to or instead of the *My Maths* on-line. Both types of homework count towards the *My Maths* certificates. Please do come and ask if you have any problems with logging on, content etc.

### Fabulous Facts!

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 book!

## Class 1 information ...

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Class trip to Woburn Safari Park.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Class dress-up day and 'Parent Share'. We would like the children to pay £1 to come to school in anything animal-themed. This could be a t-shirt with animal pictures on, a mask, an animal onesie or a full costume. All of the money raised will be given to 'Animals in Need'. Parents will be invited in to share the children's work at 2.40 pm on this day.

P.E. days are still on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure all children have named kit in school. It may also be worth checking that P.E. shoes still fit! Please can we also have wellies and outdoor weather gear in school for 'Welly Wednesday'?

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions.

*Mrs. Davies, Mr. West, Miss Denny and Mrs. Mercer*