

## Science

In science we will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will be describing and comparing the structure of these animals by making observations, classifying and sorting them into groups. We will be naming and comparing common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores by looking at what they eat and we will be exploring the different habitats animals can live in around the world.

We will also look at the season of Winter.

## Art and Design

We will be drawing animal patterns in different ways using pencil, pastels and paints. We will use the skills of dabbing, printing and collage making. We will look at the artists Henri Rousseau and George Seurat.

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### Do all animals have paws, claws and whiskers?

This half term's topic is all about animals!



This half term we will be having fun learning about a variety of animals. We will have the teacher's pets visiting the classrooms to allow children the opportunity to learn all about caring for animals. We will be discussing the pets the children have at home and learn how to clean, feed, groom and play with pets in order to keep them happy and healthy.

The children will also have the opportunity to learn about wild animals and the countries around the world that they originate from.

## Your Pets

We would love to see any photos that you may have of any family pets. Please add any photos to Seesaw and we will share these in class.

## Class 1U

We welcome Mrs Hughes into Year 1 and teach Class 1U.



## Geography

This half term we will be exploring and identifying different continents on a world map. We will use the map to plot where different animals live. We will be exploring and discussing the similarities and differences of habitats around the world. We will be designing and drawing a wildlife park using symbols and a key.

## Computing

This half term the children will be exploring 'programming animations'. The children will be using Scratch Jnr to programme sprites.

The children will compare the tools they can use, join blocks together to create algorithms, adding sprites, making changes to programmes. Design a project and following a project.

## Phonics

This term phonics will continue to be our focus when reading.

The children will continue to work through Read, Write Inc to help with their phonological understanding.

We will be focussing on more complex letter sounds and learning how to blend these together to decode words.

## English

This term we will be looking at non-fiction books about animals and using labels. We will be continuing to focus on sentence structure, using adjectives, conjunctions and time connectives. We will be reading the Snow Queen and writing a retell of the story. We will then focus on 'Tiger who came to tea' by Judith Kerr and write our adapted versions of the story. We will be learning about the past tense and adding suffixes such as 'er' to root words.

We will also be reading riddle poems and reading, writing and performing our own.

## Maths

This term we will continue to follow the Year 1 curriculum, using the White Rose Maths scheme of work. The focus this term will be place value within 20, addition, and subtraction within 20. We will be consolidating counting in groups of 10 and introducing counting in groups of 5.

## PHSE

We will continue to work through the 3D RSE scheme. This half term we will be focusing on the concepts of Anti-bullying, kindness and using friendly behaviour.

## R.E

This half term we will begin to look at Islam and what it means to belong to this religion.

## Reading books and homework

Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. It is important that you listen to your child read at least 4 times a week. Listening to your child read for just 10-15 minutes a day can make huge improvements to both their reading and their writing. Please record your child's reading in their reading record.

We will continue to send out weekly spellings on Spelling Shed for your child to practise ready for their spelling quiz every Wednesday. Please remember to practise your maths skills using Numbots/ Rockstars. Children are awarded certificates for their efforts.

