

Year 1 Newsletter

Learning Challenge: Animal Magic

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second part of the Spring term. As the weather is turning warmer please can children bring water bottles to school (labelled with their names) each day. Our topic for this half term is Animal Magic. We will be learning about how different animals move, grow and develop. We will be classifying and grouping animals in different ways and finding out which parts of the world they come from. We will also be learning about the habitats of different animals. We're looking forward to another very busy and fun half-term and to seeing your child's animal model and/or poster as part of their learning challenge homework!

It is the feast day of St Joseph on Tuesday 19th March.

We will celebrate this with our 'International Evening' on Friday 22nd March.



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Class Teacher: Mrs. Copeland
Class support: Mrs. Mathiethasson

Days to remember	Event
Assembly	19/3/19
Class trip	TBC
Open school Learning Challenge event	4/4/19

Learning Challenge:

In this learning challenge we will explore questions such as 'What are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores?' and 'What types of animals live in hot and cold parts of the world?'

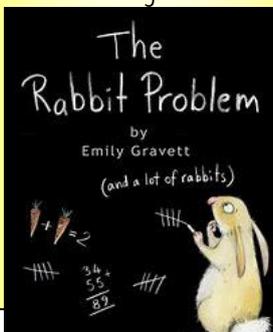
In English we will be reading animal themed books and stories with familiar settings.

In maths we will be focusing on measurement- specifically length, height, weight and volume.

In geography we will continue to learn the names and locations of the continents and oceans.

In history we will find out about Laika, the first Soviet space dog.

Our key text:



Calendar

- February 25th INSET DAY
- 6th March – Ash Wednesday - Mass at St Thomas A Becket Church. At 9.30am.
- 27th February- NSPCC Parents E-Safety Workshop
- 1st March – Friendship Dance
- 5th March - Parents' Evening 2-7pm
- 7th March – World Book Day
- 11th-18th March – Science Week
- 15th March – Open School Science Week finale (School Hall)
- 18th March –Anti-Bullying/E-safety workshop for parents
- 19th March – Mass for the feast day of Saint Joseph
- 22nd March – International Evening
- 25th March – Year5 Royal Festival Hall
- 4th April – open school Learning Challenge event
- 5th April – Term ends at 2pm

Ways to support your child's learning at home

- Discuss with your child the things that they have learned each day.
- Ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time.
- Learn times tables and spellings. Children must develop instant recall!
- Encourage your child to read for at least 20 mins a day.
- Read and discuss together the "Wednesday Word" every week.
- Allow your child to use our online subscriptions: Reading Eggs/RM Maths/Purple Mash.

E-safety! - A better internet starts with you...

Talk regularly with your child about how they use technology, and find out what their digital life is like, including what their favourite sites and services are and also how being online makes them feel. Not sure where to begin?

It starts with a balanced approach - As parents it's natural to feel worried about the risks posed by your child being online, but for young people the online world is exciting and fun, as it brings so many opportunities for them. Connect with your child by asking them to share with you their favourite things to do online, as well as discussing the risks they might come across.

It starts with using the tools available to help you - There are lots of tools to help you manage the devices used by your family. For example, knowing how to activate and use parental controls can help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content online.

For more support visit: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>