Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy
Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Oceania Class
Year One

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, spent lots of quality time together and had a relaxing break. Mr. Johnson & the Year One team are looking forward to another busy half term learning all about our new topic called, 'Amazing Animals'. Here are some of the things we will be learning about throughout this half of the spring term...

Amazing Animals

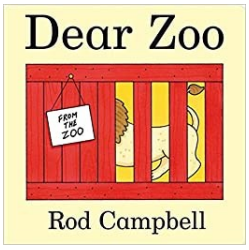
We will be starting this theme by finding out what we already know about animals – lots we imagine! We will be identifying and grouping animals into categories, finding out what they eat and talking about how owning an animal / pet is a big responsibility. We may even get to meet an animal or two! Towards the end of the term we will be finding out about humans; the basic body parts and their functions.

English

Phonics: We will be revisiting our set 2 sounds and learning our set 3 sounds (from RWI: Read, Write, Inc), being 'digraph detectives' (looking for lots of the 'special friends' in words) & 'sound talking' like Fred the Frog.
The children will continue to receive weekly spellings and will be quizzed on these every Friday – keep practicing & remember to use your Fred Fingers!

Reading: We will all be putting our phonic knowledge to good use to 'sound out / Fred Talk' the letters in words and 'blend' them back together to help us read. Remember you have access to electronic copies of all the books you bring home on Oxford Owl's website.

Writing: We will be thinking of alternative adjectives to describe the animals in Dear Zoo to help us write a non-fiction piece – a fact file! After that we will use some of our amazing adjectives to write 'What Am I?' riddles for our friends to try and guess!



Key Texts: This half term, we will be reading the book, 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. We will also be using non-fiction books about animals. Of course, we will still be sharing a huge range of picture books and fun stories at story time to build up a love of reading.

Maths

Every day, the children will practice their number fluency through our 'Flashback4' questions and mastering number sessions. This half term, we are continuing to work on our knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction within twenty, followed by place value within fifty.

Please continue to have fun counting and singing in a pattern of two, five and ten, as this will help with multiplication later in school. Remember to keep playing on Doodle Maths (& English)!

History

We are going to learn about transport and travel from the past and present this whole spring term. This half term we will be finding out about old and new modes of transport, how vehicles have changed over time and what it was like to travel by transport from the past.

PSHE

We will be discussing our feelings and talking about how we need to respect both ourselves and others.

Religious Education

We will be answering the question: What do Jewish people remember on Shabbat? To do this, we will look at what Shabbat is and how they celebrate. We will hopefully get the opportunity to ask a member of the Jewish community questions about the celebration to find out the information we need.

Music

Music lessons will continue to be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub – they sound such fun!

Physical Education & Forest School

PE will now be on Mondays only, as we have active forest school sessions on Fridays! We ask that children arrive (on Mondays) in their PE kits for a half term of dance and bring appropriate clothing for forest school (on Fridays).

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, we politely request that a pair of wellies are kept in school. Please continue to bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh WATER), a lunch box if required and a warm, waterproof coat every day.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you 😊