

# Year One Newsletter - Term 5



Dear Families,

Welcome back Year 1! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break. We are all looking forward to hearing what the children have been up to during half term.

Our theme for this term is 'African Safari'. We will learn about Africa and different places in Africa. We will also be discussing the 7 different continents and what a continent is. As well as this, we will be learning about the different oceans and where these are located on the globe.

We will be reading the book 'The hen who wouldn't give up' by Jill Tomlinson as our class novel.

In science, we are consolidating our learning of the four seasons, as well as discussing how some areas of the world do not experience the same seasons as we do in the UK. We are also consolidating our learning about animal diets, discovering more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to speak to any one of the Year 1 team.

Thank you,  
Miss Laing & Miss Rossa.

## PE

PE day this term is on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their named PE kit. PE kit should be: black bottoms, white top, a black hoodie/jumper and black trainers/sports shoes. Earrings need to be removed please.

## Reading

Reading books and planners should be sent to school daily as we may listen to your child read and change their book at any point throughout the week.

## Water

Please can we ask that children have water in a named/labelled water bottle.

## Class Dojo

We will use Class Dojo to communicate with you and share your children's learning and any achievements that have been made.

## Key Dates

This term the children will have a whole year group assembly based on their African Safari topic. These Assemblies will be 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Summer Term 1: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## English

In writing, the children will be writing their own travel journal, based on an African safari trip. We will be using the skills of alliteration, verbs, adjectives and synonyms within our writing. We will then move on to look at riddles, linking this to our topic 'African Safari'. We will look at creating our own African animal riddles.

## Maths

This term, we are introducing the children to length and height and key words associated with measuring. We will be using lots of practical methods to explore this topic. We will then move on to mass and volume, using key language, 'heavier' and 'lighter'. After this, we will move on to multiplication, learning how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

## Science

In science, the learning will be focused on two different topics. We will learn about seasons and how seasons differ in different places around the world. We will also be learning about animal diets, including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

## Physical Education

This term, the children will be focussing on jumping. The focus of learning is to recap jumping, in different directions, at different speeds and different levels.

## Art/ Design & Technology

This term Year 1 will be exploring sculpture and 3D art through paper. The main knowledge will be, to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination and to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

## Humanities

Our topic for this term is 'African safari'. We will be learning all about the continent and exploring the contrast between Africa and the UK. We will be discovering what a continent is and learning about the 7 continents. We will also be learning about the different oceans.



## Computing

The children will learn about algorithms. The main learning from this will be, to understand what algorithms are, how they are implemented as programs on digital devices.