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SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER 2024

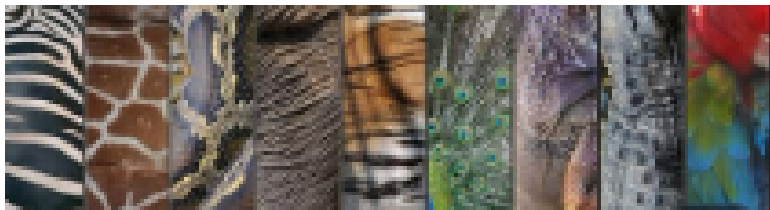


We cannot believe that it is our last term in Year 1! The year has just flown!

This term our Geography focus is Africa. We will be learning about the country and comparing its features to what we have learnt about our own country.

In Science we will be finding out about the classification of animals, and our trip to BirdWorld will give us more understanding of the habitats and characteristics of different animals.

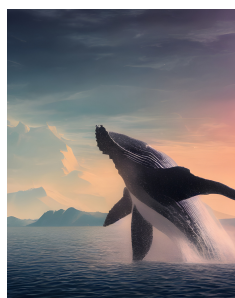
What do Christians learn from the stories of Jesus? is our big RE question this term and we will be looking at different experiences in Jesus's life



Talk 4 writing

This term, we will be reading the fantastic book *Storm Whale* by Benji Davies. We will be writing our own finding tale, with the focus on description of characters and settings.

We will also look at the non-chronological report *The Big Blue Whale* and write our own information report on a bird.



We will be continuing to concentrate on sentence structures. We will be using capital letters, full stops and remembering to use finger spaces. As always, we will be ensuring we consistently use our phonics. We are also introducing varied sentence starters, conjunctions and adjectives in our work.

Maths

Year 1

We will be exploring numbers to 40, ordering and comparing and solving addition and subtraction word problems. We will also begin multiplication and division. We continue to combine our Maths no Problem workbooks with practical lessons using concrete resources.



MATHS
NO PROBLEM!



Dates for the Diary



15th April 2024- Inset Day

16th April - Start of Summer Term

23rd April - St Marks Church 90th Birthday celebrations

6th May -Open Classrooms @2.45pm

19th May - Year 1 Trip to Bird World

22nd May - Year 1 Class Assembly

23rd May - FOSMAS Obstacle Race

24th May- INSET Day

27th - 31st May - Summer Half Term



Homework

In Year 1 we expect the children to read for 10 minutes every day. The children will bring home a weekly reading book which they have been reading at school and also a library book and a "Read with me" book. Please ensure all reading books are returned to school every Friday.

We will also be sending home spelling words and phonic sounds to practise, these will be related to our phonics lessons or tricky words that we are learning. We will be testing these words every Friday Please practise these at home and encourage your child to read or write these independently.



Our value this half term is: Friendship



Phonics

With the Phonics Screening Check approaching in the Summer Term please continue to read as much as possible with your child at home. There is a worksheet sent home every Friday which recaps all the phonics we have been learning at school that week. Please make sure to visit <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> for some great games which encourage the reading of real and alien words.



How to help at home...



You can help your child at home by playing games, cooking, gardening, chatting together, looking for the positive, and helping them to get ready for school the night before so that the mornings are calmer.



We will continue to use the Trickbox strategies to help with emotional management and personal development. Ask your children for details about what we have been learning this half term. More info at <https://trickbox.co.uk>

