



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to make the most of the hottest May weather on record!

### **Staffing**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Blest to our Year 1 team! She has already started getting to know the children, and will be working alongside Mrs Warnes until she leaves for maternity leave, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 17th June. Miss Nathan will continue to teach on Thursdays and Fridays.

### **PE**

Our PE units this half term will be athletics and tennis. These will both take place outside. With the warmer weather having well and truly arrived, we will be taking the children's water bottles out to our PE lessons with us.

### **Phonics Screening**

As many of you will be aware, Class 1 will be taking their compulsory phonics screening next week (week beginning Monday 8th June). These will be administered by Miss Pedrick, and will be kept very relaxed for the children. The children will be familiar with the screening booklets as they have had a go at several over the course of the year. If you would like to have a look at them at home, past papers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-past-test-materials>

### **Maurice Mole**

There are still lots of spaces on Maurice's timetable between now and the end of the term- if anyone would like to take him on another adventure, they would be more than welcome!



## **Curriculum**

This half term we will be looking at the wonderful world of animals! We are really looking forward to getting our teeth into this topic, and are particularly excited for our class trip to Tiggywinkles Animal Hospital on Tuesday 16th June.

Our Maths lessons will focus on place value to 100, money and time. We will continue our mastering number sessions, and will be practicing our skip counting in steps of 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will be recapping and consolidating the skills we have learnt this year in English, with a focus on animals. We are particularly looking forward to writing interesting animal descriptions!

In our Science lessons, we will be classifying animals by type (e.g. mammals, amphibians etc), and learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

During our Computing lessons, we will be brushing up on our paint skills, as well as talking about how to keep ourselves safe online. We will be creating animal masks in our art lessons, as well as designing and making animal puppets. In Geography, we will be focussing on seasons and the weather. Our PSHE lessons will help us to understand ways in which we can show kindness to ourselves and others, and our music lessons will reflect on the different genres covered this year. In RE, we will be answering the question 'Do we need shared special places?'

## **Sun Safety**

We will be trying to get outside as much as possible, so please ensure your child comes to school with a named hat and water bottle, and suncream already applied.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns:

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Kind regards,



The Year One Team

