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Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter

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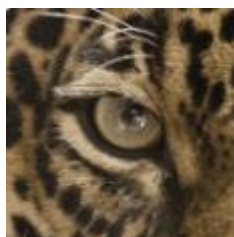


This Term...

Our new topic in Year 1 is "Paws, Claws and Whiskers"

Big cats, small rats, tiny fleas and buzzing bees!

This half term, we're going to discover that animals come in all shapes and sizes! We will be sharing information about the pets we have at home and writing animal information booklets.



We'll study animal artwork, draw detailed animal pictures to capture their special features and make collages, sculptures and prints.

We'll spot similarities and differences between animals, look at different habitats around the world and investigate camouflage. Designing a zoo is even on the agenda!

Our new topic in Year 2 is "Magnificent Monarchs"

In the Magnificent Monarchs project, we will learn about English and British monarchs from AD 871 to the present day and consider how the power of the monarchy has changed over time.



We will study six significant sovereigns; Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and the current monarch, Elizabeth II. We will learn about portraiture.

We'll analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today. We'll use photo editing software to create royal portraits.

Finally, we will choose which of the sovereigns that they have studied is the most significant.

Thought of the term...

SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

Dates for your diary:

Friday 11th February – School closes for Half Term 3:00pm

21st February – School Closed (Training day)

22nd February – School opens Term 4

Reminders

Reading - We encourage all parents/carers to read 3 times per week with their children at home to further develop their child's reading skills. Please remember to record this in your child's Reading Record.

Homework – Children will receive weekly homework in Year 1 and Year 2. This reflects what your children are learning in class. Please ensure this is completed every week.

PE Kit - Children need to have their PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (house coloured or plain white t-shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers. All jewellery must be removed prior to coming to school.