

# KS1- September 2022 Newsletter

'Let Your Light Shine'



I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer and that the children are returning to school refreshed and ready for a great new school year.



Over the year Key Stage 1 children will work on topics which have a main focus of history, geography or science, as well as incorporating other curriculum areas.

Our topic for the Autumn term is called 'Go Wild!' and will provide scientific learning about different types of animal, their appearance, how they are grouped (reptile, bird, mammal, amphibian, fish, insect) their diet and habitat. We will also find out about the continent of Africa, particularly Kenya, it's physical geography and weather.



English lessons will be taught using quality picture books and focusing on each for a couple of weeks, getting to know the text and using this as a basis for our own writing. The books we will use this term are: *Wild*, *Anna Hibiscus*, *One Day on Our Blue Planet – The Savannah*, *Lila* and *The Secret of Rain*, *Zeraffa Giraffa*.

We continue to use the *Read Write Inc.* scheme for phonics and reading.

**PE - PE** lessons will take place on **Monday and Friday**, though this may sometimes change due to other things going on in school. We will try to get outside as much as possible for multi-skills, then as the weather gets colder will move indoors for gymnastics/ dance. Children can leave PE bags on their coat peg. **Please make sure all items of clothing are named.**

**Water Bottles & Snacks** - Please send a labelled water bottle each day, children are able to drink water throughout the school day. They may also bring juice to have with lunch. Please remember to send fruit and healthy savoury snacks. No sweets, chocolate or crisps.

**Reading** - It is hugely important to read stories to children to develop their language, imagination, comprehension and love of books. You can help by regularly reading books to your child and are welcome to borrow picture books from school.

Children will read their own *Read Write Inc.* blending books or story books in class and will be bringing these home to re-read to you. This boosts their fluency and confidence and gives them opportunity to read a familiar book with expression. Please try to listen to your child read their books at least four times a week.

## **Homework**

**Y2** - Homework books will be given out each week on a Friday with work to be completed and **returned the following Thursday**. This will begin next week.

**Y1** – Children will bring home a phonics book with sounds to practise, this will support phonics work being done in class. Y1 will be given homework books later in the year when they are ready for more formal learning at home.

**Mathletics** - All children in Y1 and Y2 are assigned an online Mathletics account. Children can complete various maths activities and earn points. Those who earn 1000 points in a week will receive a certificate. Your child will be able to access their account at home, using their username and password, which will be sent home soon if they don't already know it.

We welcome back Mr. Rodgers, who worked with us last term. He will be working in EYFS/KS1 three days a week. If you have any questions at any time or would like to discuss your child's progress, please let myself or Miss Barker know and we can arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you for your support,  
Kim Law and Miss Barker