



# Year 1 Spring Term Curriculum Bulletin 2022



Welcome back ☺ We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday! We are very excited about our two new topics! We will start with the topic Dinosaur Planet, and after the half term break, our topic will be Paws, Claws & Whiskers. Below is some information about what will be covered, as well as a few key notices.

| <b>Dinosaur Planet</b>   | <b>Paws, Claws and Whiskers</b>   |
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| <p><b>English:</b> In addition to RML we will be enjoying the books 'Dinosaur Roar', 'Gigantosaurus' and 'Dinosaurs in my School' amongst others. We will be using descriptive language, writing stories and looking at information texts.</p> <p><b>Science:</b> We will be identifying, naming and grouping common animals, looking at how they are structured. We will be looking at which dinosaurs were herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and what they ate. We will also be doing some investigating as paleontologists!</p> <p><b>Art and Design Technology:</b> We are creating collages and also building on our clay skills by sculpting fossils.</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> We will be continuing with our coding programme on code.org.</p> <p><b>History:</b> We will learn about the significance of Mary Anning and her findings. We will also be investigating similarities and differences between places in present time and back in history.</p> <p><b>Music:</b> We will listen to different types of music and learn how to create a musical score and compose</p> | <p><b>English:</b> As well as RML we will be reading the familiar text 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy', 'How to Hide a Lion' and 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. The children will also be creating their own 'Big Cat' information texts.</p> <p><b>Science:</b> We will be sorting animals according to our observations, and looking at differences in the same species. We will be performing tests and investigations to help us answer scientific questions!</p> <p><b>Art and Design Technology:</b> We will be looking carefully at different animals and doing some observational drawings. We will look at paintings of Big Cats by the artist Leonid Afremov.</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> We will be beginning to practice typing skills on Dancemat Typing.</p> <p><b>Geography:</b> The children will be learning about maps and how to use them and identifying hot and cold climates, as well as looking at different animal habitats.</p> <p><b>Music:</b> We will be learning lots of songs and actions as part of our Year 1 Easter Performance!</p> <p><b>P.E.</b> For Indoor PE we will be looking at balancing using different parts of our</p> |

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| <p>a simple soundtrack.</p> <p><b>P.E.</b> For Indoor PE we will be developing our skills of balance, posture, strength and agility. For outdoor PE we will be practising our bat and ball skills.</p> <p><b>Jigsaw:</b> We will be thinking about our Dreams and Goals.</p> | <p>bodies. For outdoor PE we will be practicing ball skills and developing partner work.</p> <p><b>R.E.</b> We will be looking at why Christians celebrate Easter and the importance of different Easter symbols.</p> <p><b>Jigsaw:</b> Healthy Me. The children will be discussing the importance of being healthy.</p> |
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**Maths** - We will start with addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 50), and after half term move on to measurement (length, height, weight and volume). We always recap on previous learning at the beginning of each lesson so that children retain their knowledge, and also practice our reasoning skills!

**Year 1 Easter Performance** – We are hoping to perform this in person but it may be virtual depending on Covid restrictions at the time. We will let you know as soon as we do. The dates of the performances (or when the recordings will be available) are as follows:

1AM: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

1IP: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

1HS: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Details on times, parts, lines and costumes will come nearer the time.

**Theme day**- The theme day this half term will be ‘dinosaur/palaeontologist/explorer’ themed. This will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. Children may dress up if they wish but no props to be brought in please!

**PE** - It is important that your child remembers to wear their PE kit on their PE days. Last half term there were a number of children who were not equipped with a PE kit. As a reminder, for PE, your child should wear a pair of trainers ideally, incase we go outside when it is wet. Children can bring in a spare pair of shoes for outside playtimes if they choose to wear pumps on an indoor PE day, to avoid soggy feet! It is important that your child has a suitably warm outdoor PE kit (long sleeved top and trousers during the winter months). Also, please ensure all kit is labelled adequately.

| Class | INDOOR  | OUTDOOR |
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| 1IP   | Tuesday | Friday  |
| 1AM   | Tuesday | Friday  |
| 1HS   | Tuesday | Friday  |

**Communicating with staff** - Can we remind all parents and carers to **email us** with any questions, or write any messages to us in your child's pink home contact book and given to your child to hand to us. Please be reminded that we do not often check children's book bags. This avoids any unnecessary face to face contact and helps keep the infection rate down.

**Home Learning** – Please do continue to practice the weekly spellings that we have put on Spelling Shed and the homework sheet, and to read daily if you can. For maths, our targets are for children to know all addition facts to ten, so any practice at this will be helpful! Try <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/robot-addition> or <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button-addition/subtraction-facts-within-10>. The weekly sheet will also have any reminders on, so please do check this. Thank you

**Water bottles** - Please ensure your child has a **labelled** water bottle in school, which is separate from their lunch drink. These will be kept in their classroom and should only contain **water**. The children will be encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day and can fill them up when required.

**Winter wear**- Please ensure your child is dressed for the elements and all items eg. hats, gloves, scarves, coats are **clearly named**. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to an exciting Spring term!

The Year 1 Team.